

SA712706

Miniature George IV Library Telescope on Stand by G&C Dixey, Bond Street, London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA712706****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 22 cm (8.7")

Width = 34 cm (13.4")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

For sale, a delightful and unusually small George IV library telescope on stand by G&C Dixey of 3 New Bond Street London. Similar in size to early Nineteenth Century cased examples which incorporate a hand held telescope with a separate stand, this very unusual variation measures just 36cms extended and 34cms retracted with an inch and a quarter objective lens. What makes this example somewhat different is that it is manufactured in the manner of a larger library telescope with a more permanent attachment for the tripod to the telescope and the inclusion of a fine focus rack movement to the side. It comes complete and in full working order with original lens cap and is nicely engraved to G&C Dixey Opticians to the King, No 3 New Bond Street, London. As is related in the Dixey company history below, G&C Dixey moved to 3 New Bond Street in 1825 and continued to trade there until George's death in 1838. Circa 1825 The family name of Dixey is perhaps best known for Charles Wastell Dixey (one half of George & Charles Dixey) or CW Dixey which still trades today as a manufacturer and retailer of high end spectacle. The story of the dynasty however, is comprised of two stra...

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