

SA720139

Eighteenth Century Single Draw Decagonal Telescope by Nairne & Blunt London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA720139****Date of manufacture: 1750**

Dimensions

Height = 65.5 cm (25.8")

Width = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Depth = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

For sale, an eighteenth century single draw decagonal hand held telescope by Nairne & Blunt London. Comprised of a 10 sided mahogany barrel with its original morocco leather covering, the telescope measures 65.5 cms when closed and 82cms when fully extended. This very well preserved example has a typical eighteenth century bulbous type eyepiece with dust slide and a single draw with no back stop. The three sectioned draw tube contains five lenses opposed by a half inch objective achromatic couplet. The objective is also protected by a dust slide on spring mount and is engraved to the distinguished London makers, Nairne & Blunt, London. The company was a partnership formed by Master and Apprentice Edward Nairne and Thomas Blunt in 1774. Edward Nairne needs little introduction, born in Sandwich in 1726 he was apprenticed at the age of fifteen to the equally famous instrument maker Matthew Loft. Having barely finished his seven year apprenticeship, Loft died in 1748 whereupon Nairne took over his Master's business under his own name. In 1749, he took on the first of his apprentices and eventually trained fourteen accolytes who included numerous important figures such as ...

Seller Details

Jason Clarke Antiques

Newbury Berkshire United Kingdom

Tel: 07815 046645

International Tel: +44 7815 046645

