

**SA737242**

## George III Mahogany Cased Telescope on Stand by Matthew Berge London

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA737242****Date of manufacture: 1800**

### Dimensions

Height = 7 cm (2.8")

Width = 26 cm (10.2")

Depth = 12 cm (4.7")

## Description

For sale, a George III mahogany cased three draw brass and mahogany telescope on stand by Matthew Berge (Late Ramsden), London. This scarce cased example measures 73cms when extended, 24cms retracted and has an objective lens of one and three quarter inches. It retains its original lens cap and dust slide to the flat ended eyepiece and is inscribed with the maker's engraving to the first draw running left to right away from the eyepiece as is normal for telescopes from this period. It is marked to, "Berge, London. Late Ramsden." The two piece tripod is complete with screw down collar for keeping the telescope in secure when mounted and is unscrewed from the base and re-screwed upside down to allow for storage within the case. An original second eyepiece is also retained. The beautifully figured mahogany case has its original working lock and has a replacement key. This piece is an item of superior quality as you would expect from the workshops of Matthew Berge. His early instruments are signed "Late Ramsden" as he took over the business of the notable scientific instrument maker, Jesse Ramsden following his death in November of 1800. Berge had been Ramsden's foreman fo...

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