

SA737512

Early Nineteenth Century Cased Library Telescope on Stand by Thomas Rubergall London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA737512****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 55 cm (21.7")

Width = 134 cm (52.8")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

For sale, an early Nineteenth Century cased library telescope on stand by Thomas Rubergall of Coventry Street, London. This superbly executed example has a 108cms barrel with a three inch objective glass, the front end also being engraved to, "Rubergall, Coventry Street, London". With the standard eyepiece in place, it extends the telescope to 134cms retracted. The body is secured to the barrel by two knurled nuts and descends on a generous pillar and tripod legs. Two telescopic stabilisers extend down and are pinned to the tripod feet meant for stability and fine adjustment. A feature that is generally only found on the finest examples. The case contains various eyepiece attachments including a rare "pancratic eye-tube" invented by the renowned optician, inventor and cook, William Kitchiner, (a fascinating man who is also considered to be the inventor of the potato chip or crisp). The eyetube which may be added in replacement to the ordinary eyetube of the main telescope has magnification stops engraved along the three smallest additional draws. Conceived by Kitchiner to increase magnification of the standard telescope. An extremely fine example, Rubergall's work is ...

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