

SA739083

Georgian Black Glass Artificial Horizon by Thomas Jones of London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA739083****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 4 cm (1.6")

Width = 15.5 cm (6.1")

Depth = 13.5 cm (5.3")

Description

For sale, a George III black glass artificial horizon by Thomas Jones of Charing Cross London. This early example, is contained within a fitted mahogany case with hinged lid and hook and eye catches to the front. The inside of the lid retains its superb and original trade label for, "Thomas Jones (pupil of Ramsden), Astronomical and philosophical instrument maker to His Royal Highness The Duke of Clarence, 62 Charing Cross, London". The exterior of the lid has a further paper label which contains writing which is now unfortunately obscured but seems to suggest an original owner. The horizon is comprised of a solid brass tray with three adjustable screw feet for the purpose of levelling the instrument. The central section is routed out and fitted with a rectangular black glass plate which provides the reflective surface required for its operation. The underside is further engraved to, "Thomas Jones, 62 Charing Cross, London". The bubble level provided with the instrument does not look original but is certainly a contemporary replacement consisting of a glass cylinder enclosed at the top with sealing wax and a pearl like ball which moves freely within. The history of t...

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