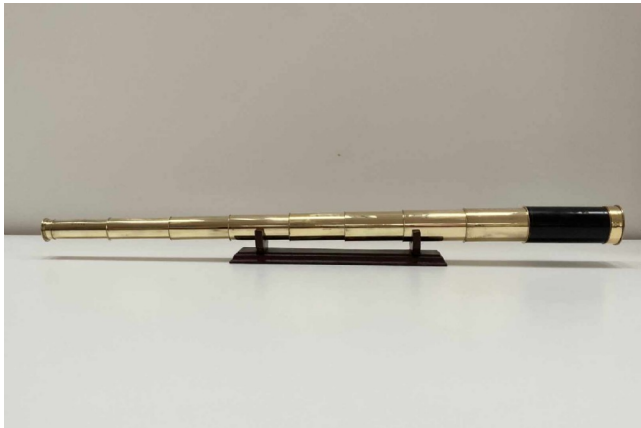


SA739361

George III Eight Draw Telescope with Black Lacquer Finish by Thomas Blunt London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA739361****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 14 cm (5.5")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale, a George III eight draw telescope with black lacquer finish by Thomas Blunt London. This exquisite example measures 14cms retracted and 75cms when extended and has a one and a half inch objective lens. It come complete with original objective lens cap and has a superb black lacquer finish to the main barrel. The first draw is engraved to, "Blunt, Cornhill, London". A very tactile instrument that is perhaps slightly too large and broad to be considered a pocket telescope but fits very nicely into the palm of the hand. A history of the company formed by Thomas Blunt would not be complete without reference to his earlier partnership formed with his Master Edward Nairne 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 Jesse Ramsden, James Ayscough, James Long and of cour...

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