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Eighteenth Century Cased Steelyard Coin Balance by Benjamin Martin London

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA766774

Date of manufacture: 1750

Dimensions

Height = 16.5 cm (6.5")

Width = 2 cm (0.8")

Depth = 1 cm (0.4")

Description

For sale, a late Eighteenth Century shagreen cased steelyard coin balance by Benjamin Martin of Fleet Street, London. Benjamin Martin was born in 1705 in a village called Worplesdon, near Guildford in Surrey. Martin did not follow the path of apprentice like most respected instrument makers of the period, his Father's prosperous background allowed Benjamin to become a merchant by the age of 24 but he largely worked in Chichester as a schoolmaster during the 1730's up until his departure in 1742. To give a flavour of this enterprising man, he had by this time published eight books, invented a new form of microscope which he described in his "The Description and Use of a New Invented Pocket Reflecting Microscope" and lecturing widely on philosophy. Martin lectured extensively across Southern England during this 1740's and was responsible for numerous educational publications on science, mathematics and English grammar but in 1756, he established premises in Fleet Street, London, setting himself up as a scientific instrument maker whereafter his advertisements are recorded in London newspapers of the period. Martin's inventory grew throughout the 1760's to include optics,...

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