

SA780872

Large Eighteenth Century Five Draw Library Telescope by Dollond London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA780872****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 139 cm (54.7")

Width = 8 cm (3.1")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

For sale, an Eighteenth Century five draw library telescope by Dollond London. This unusually large telescope is comprised of a mahogany barrel and measures 139cms fully extended, 36cms closed and has a three inch objective lens with original dust cap. The eyetube also retains its dust slide and is beautifully engraved to Dollond London. The telescope is mounted on a fine tripod base with hinged claw feet, turned brass stem and the hinged collar is completed with a winged fastening bolt typical of the period. The clasp is indistinctly engraved with the original owner's initials "HMW". One of the most magnificent mounted examples I have seen from the hands of one of London's most fine and renowned makers. The Dollond Company was set up in Hatton Garden in 1750 by Peter Dollond with his father John joining him shortly after. John Dollond's invention of the achromatic lens (although bitterly disputed) led to his award of the Copley Medal by The Royal Society in 1758 and following this success, Dollond moved to The Strand where the company was appointed optician to George III and the Duke of York in 1761. John Dollond Senior died in the same year, however the business wa...

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