

SA790282

Late Eighteenth Century Octant by Dollond of London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA790282****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 30 cm (11.8")

Width = 25 cm (9.8")

Depth = 8 cm (3.1")

Description

For sale a rare late Eighteenth Century octant by Dollond of London. The octant is comprised of an ebony frame with a brass index arms and vernier. It has an inlaid and engraved scale (0-95) and inlaid plates on the front and back of the frame. The front inlay on the central strut is engraved with, "Dollond London" whilst the other remains blank on the reverse and would have been used by the observer to record readings. The left arm of the frame retains its three shades which are fixed on a pivot between the index and horizon glasses, whilst the right has its original sighting pinnula which is screwed into the base. The reverse of the instrument has an adjusting mechanism for the horizon glass and three brass feet for resting the instrument upon when not in use. 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 Do...

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