

SA805406

Early Victorian Telescope by Dollond with East India Company Presentation Engraving

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA805406

Date of manufacture: 1850

Dimensions

Height = 73 cm (28.7")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale, an early Victorian three draw telescope by Dollond of London with extensive presentation engraving to Cadet DJ Nasmyth from The East India Company December 1847. This handsome three draw telescope with leather covered barrel, measures 73cms extended, 24cms closed and has an inch and a half objective lens. The first draw has its original dust slide to the eyepiece and is engraved to the famous instrument making form of Dollond London. Around the collar of the barrel is affixed a brass plaque which bears an inscription. Perhaps one of the largest inscriptions I have seen on a telescope of this size which explains why such an addition was required. It reads: "Presented at the Public Examination on the 10th Dec 1847 to Gentleman Cadet D.J. Nasmyth by the Honourable Court of Directors of The East India Company as a mark of the Courts approbation of his general good conduct while at the Military Seminary." In 1809, The East India Company separated from the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich and established a Military Seminary of its own at Addiscombe Place in Croydon to train its cadets in the science of gunnery and engineering. Examinations were held twice a year ...

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