

SA806987

Victorian Telescope by Troughton & Simms with East India Company Engineers Dedication

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA806987

Date of manufacture: 1860

Dimensions

Height = 78 cm (30.7")

Width = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Depth = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Description

For sale, a Mid Victorian three draw telescope by Troughton & Simms, London with presentation engraving for both the Bombay Engineers and the Bengal Engineers, East India Company. This fine telescope measures 78cms extended, 26cms closed and has a one and three quarter inch objective lens. The telescope retains its original lens cap, leather barrel covering, dust-slide for the eyetube and engraving to the first draw to the esteemed makers, Troughton & Simms, London. The other side of first draw is further engraved with the following dedication, "GLC Merewether, Bombay Engineers from Thomas C Manderson, Bengal Engineers." George Lane Cockburn (GLC) Merewether was perhaps the most successful of the pair. Born to the Very Reverend John Merewether in 1836, he attended Marlborough College from 1848 to 1854 and then proceeded to the East India Company's Military Seminary at Addiscombe from 1854 to 1856. He arrived as a second lieutenant in India just prior to the Indian Mutiny and had made lieutenant by the time he was involved in the Siege of Dwarka. During this period he served with both the Rajpootana and Okamundel Field Forces as a Field Engineer and received a medal fo...

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