

SA822732

Georgian Cased Three Draw Telescope by Robert Brettell Bate of London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA822732****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 76 cm (29.9")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

For sale, a Georgian leather cased three draw telescope by Robert Brettell Bate of Poultry, London. Comprised of a beautiful flame mahogany barrel and three brass draws, the telescope measures 76cms extended, 24cms closed and has a one and a half inch objective lens. The eyetube retains its original dust slide and is engraved to "Bate, London". This super example also retains its original two part leather case with green silk velvet interior. The maker, Robert Brettell Bate was a very high quality manufacturer of scientific instruments working in the early part of the Nineteenth Century. Born in 1782, to a family of Bankers in Stourbridge, he initially travelled to London to become a Haberdasher under his Uncle Robert Brettell. His Aunt also living in London was married to Bartholomew Sikes, famous for winning favour with The Board of Excise for his hydrometer design in 1802. In 1804, Robert Bate married his cousin, the daughter of his aunt Mary and Bartholomew Sikes, however it was followed quite shortly with the sudden death of Sikes. Supported by his newly widowed Aunt, Bate took over Sike's business and its Government commission and successfully persuaded the Boa...

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