

SA839138

George III Pocket Inclining Sundial by Thomas Rubergall of London

Price

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Item Reference: SA839138

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 4 cm (1.6")

Width = 10.5 cm (4.1")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

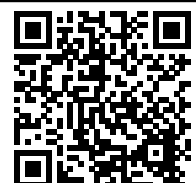
Description

For sale, an early Nineteenth Century mahogany cased pocket inclining sundial by Thomas Rubergall of London. Comprised of a mahogany base with square brass plate supporting an exquisitely engraved and silvered dial compass with compass lock to the front and each corner engraved with latitudes for London, Paris, Lisbon, Glasgow, Dublin, Exeter, Moscow and Oxford. The engraved hour plate bears the maker's name of "T. Rubergall. Optician to his Royal Highness Duke of Clarence, 27 Coventry Street, London", and is hinged to the base enabling it to be angled at various latitudes set against the scale on the secondary arm to the side. The gnomon is hinged to the centre of the hour plate and can be turned out for use and lain flat whilst in transit. The lid of the case is fitted in order to incorporate the dial and is covered with green baize for further protection. The maker Thomas Rubergall was active from 1802 until 1854 in London and traded from three different addresses throughout those 52 years, Princes St, Soho from 1802 to 1805, 27 Coventry Street from 1805 to 1823 and then thereafter to number 24 Coventry Street. Rubergall seems to have been from Huguenot French desce...

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