

SA848021

William IV Four Draw Telescope with Baleen Covered Barrel by Thomas Rubergall London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA848021****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 55 cm (21.7")

Width = 4 cm (1.6")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

For sale, a William IV period four draw telescope with multi coloured baleen covered barrel by Thomas Rubergall of London. This super little brass four draw telescope with one and a half inch diameter objective lens has a rare red, yellow and black striped baleen covered barrel and original brass end cap. Fully drawn the telescope measures 55cms and closed just 16cms. The eyetube retains its original dust-slide and is engraved for "Thomas Rubergall, Optician to His Majesty, 24 Coventry Street, London". 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 descent and may be related to earlier well known Chelsea market gardeners of the eighteenth century with the same name. He was renowned enough to have been appointed optician to George III and mathematical instrument maker and optician to the Duke of Clarence (later William IV) and to Queen Victoria. The site of the Rubergall's shop was situated between Piccadilly and...

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