

**SA849659**

## Large Georgian Wall Thermometer in Case by Matthew Berge London

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA849659**

**Date of manufacture: 1800**

### Dimensions

Height = 41 cm (16.1")

Width = 8 cm (3.1")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

## Description

For sale, a large early Nineteenth Century wall thermometer by Matthew Berge, London. Comprised of a bone scale and graduated ebony surround measuring fourteen inches (35.5cms) high and two inches wide, this superb thermometer measures -40 to 120 Fahrenheit on the left hand side with associated engraved temperature indications and has a Reaumur scale measuring -30 to 40 on the right hand side. The domed top is engraved to Berge London, Late Ramsden and has a typically period hinged hanging ring mounted at the crest. The thermometer is further mounted in a protective mahogany frame with sloped roof top and box frame sides. The case is routed out in order to give the thermometer a flush fit within the frame and it is beautifully made with small dove-tail joints to the top and bottom. It bears similarities to the later sloped roof design of Stevenson screens or tin hygrometer cases for external use but given the materials, it is unlikely that it would have suited an outside setting. My assumption is that it would likely have been used in a greenhouse or orangery type setting. It also has openings on either side suggesting that it was intended to be fixed by the side of the ...

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