

SA854253

Rare First Year Governmental Standard Yard Measure by Bate London - 1824

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA854253****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 3.2 cm (1.3")

Width = 2.2 cm (0.9")

Depth = 95.4 cm (37.6")

Description

For sale a historic 1824 Brass Governmental Standard Yard by Robert Brettell Bate. This imperial standard yard measure was manufactured in the same year that the new Imperial Standards were enshrined into British law by George IV in 1824 and is comprised of a solid brass bar which measures a yard in length (36 inches). In differentiation to any others I have seen, this example comes complete with its own integral stand which has been minutely engineered to fit the length of the bar. This larger square shaped bar of brass has an upstand at either side and a fluted base in order that the yard can be held tightly at either end and removed as necessary. The two ivory grips on the bar allowing for some hand tension to be exerted for removal. The bar itself is marked with the indenture number 317 as is the front of the base. The base also bears engraving stating, "Imperial Standard Yard - 1824" with the maker's name, Bate London to the right and County of Wilts to the left denoting which Governmental County for which it was intended. The reverse of the base is also engraved with an inch scale with the first and last inch divided into hundreds of an inch, the second inch div...

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