

SA854520

Victorian Anti Corn Law Bazaar Telescope by JP Cutts & Son of Sheffield

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA854520

Date of manufacture: 1850

Dimensions

Height = 78.5 cm (30.9")

Width = 5 cm (2.0")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

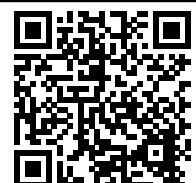
Description

For sale, a rare Victorian Anti-Corn Law Bazaar Dedication Telescope by JP Cutts & Sons of Sheffield. This fine telescope is comprised of a mahogany barrel with large extending sunshade and dustcap to the objective end and dustslide at the eyetube. The telescope measures, 78.5cms fully extended, 25cms closed and has an objective lens with a one and a half inch diameter. The first draw is engraved with the following: "Presented to the National Anti Corn Law Bazaar by JP Cutts & Sons, Opticians to Her Majesty. Sheffield – May 1845." A highly unusual inscription for a telescope, the Anti Corn Law league was founded in 1839 as a result of The British Government's decision to set up a sliding scale of duties on foreign wheat. Known as the Corn Law of 1828, it was introduced at a time of high unemployment which was also coupled with poor harvests in the UK. This protectionist policy resulted in wildly fluctuating food prices and was seen by many of the population as a means of protecting large and wealthy landowners. The result was a wave of civil unrest in the lower classes and the Anti-Corn Law League was formed to professionally organise this protest and put pressure on...

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