

SA871315

George IV Marine Night Glass Telescope by George Stebbing Optician to The Royal Yacht Club

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA871315

Date of manufacture: 1800

Dimensions

Height = 57 cm (22.4")

Width = 7 cm (2.8")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

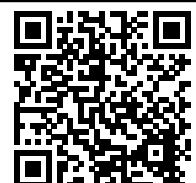
Description

For sale a George IV period marine night telescope or night glass by George Stebbing of Portsmouth. Optician to the Royal Yacht Club. This rare type of maritime or navigational telescope was designed specifically for night observations or for poor light conditions and its size and lens structure was produced accordingly. The two and a half inch objective lens would have been conceived to allow for as much natural light to enter the large diameter barrel of the telescope and the eyepiece and single draw tube contains a further two lenses. The combination of lenses presents an intentionally inverted image as an additional erector lens (making it a refracting telescope) would also reduce the overall power of the instrument and thus defeat the purpose. The mahogany barrel measures 44cms when closed and 57cms when drawn to its full extent. The draw is engraved to "George Stebbing, Portsmouth, Optician to the RYC" and the word, "Night Glass" to denote its use. It retains its original dust slide to the eyepiece but is fitted with a later objective cover which provides very adequate protection. A contemporary publication of 1828, "The Panorama of Science & Art" by James Smith d...

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