

SA947585

Regency Period Cased Telescope on Stand by Joseph Smith of Royal Exchange London

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA947585****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 40 cm (15.7")

Width = 77 cm (30.3")

Depth = 25 cm (9.8")

Description

For sale, a Regency period cased telescope on stand by Joseph Smith of Royal Exchange, London. This fine example consists of a three draw achromatic telescope with a 1.5" objective lens and original dust cap, a mahogany barrel and dust slide to the eyetube. The telescope measures, 77cms extended and 25cms closed and is engraved for the maker, J Smith, Royal Exchange, London to the first draw. The accompanying tripod is cleverly designed in three parts in order to maximise its usefulness and facilitate easy transit. The tripod legs are threaded to the brass stem at the base and may be reversed for efficient packing and then unscrewed, turned and splayed when required for use. The top also has a universal joint to allow for horizontal and vertical movement and a hinged ring into which the telescope can be placed and secured by means of a knurled screw. An additional feature also allows the stem of the brass shaft to be unscrewed at the halfway point to reveal a screw thread. This is perhaps the earliest example of this feature which I have encountered, and it was intended to allow the user to screw the telescope to a branch or perhaps a fence post when operating in the f...

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