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RARE POCKET SEXTANT

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Author
CARY, John

Publication date
[c.1860].

Publisher
Cary,

Publication place
London,

Physical description
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Dimensions
Sextant: (Diameter) 75 (3 inches); Case: 120 by 50 by 100mm (4.75 by 2.5 by 4 inches).

Notes
A fine brass box sextant by the renowned scientific instrument maker John Cary.

The instrument was presented to William S. Cooke, whose name is engraved on the instruments lid:

“Royal Military College. Presented to Gentleman Cadet William S. Cooke for Attention to and Progress in Military Surveying, June, 1860.”

According to the 3rd July 1860 edition of The London Gazette, Gentleman Cadet William Smith Cooke from the Royal Military College was appointed to the 2nd Regiment of Life Guards in the Summer of that year. This Cary box sextant would likely have been a presentation gift to commemorate this occasion.

Bibliography

Provenance

Price:

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