



PROANTIC
LE PLUS BEAU CATALOGUE D'ANTIQUITES

English Marine Chronometer



3 500 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Brass

Length : 16 cm

Width : 16 cm

Diameter : 9,5 cm

Height : 13,5

Description

Signed "Liverpool, RICH[ar]d HORNBY, LIVERPOOL, NO. 777 | Resprung and adjusted by Frodsham & Keen Liverpool. 1898," 1850-1898, mahogany case with brass inlays on the slide and sides, glass porthole, brass gimbal; brass watch case; silvered dial, blued steel hands. Longitude marine chronometer mounted on a gimbal inside a three-tiered mahogany case, which features two side handles, corners reinforced with brass fittings, and is adorned with a blank brass cartouche inlaid on the top lid; the central section features a brass push button. The original movement of this chronometer was designed in the mid-19th century by the manufacturer of high-precision instruments Richard Hornby (1810-1872), who was based in Liverpool at 36 South Castle Street from 1839

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until his death; it was overhauled in 1898 by the partner firm Frodsham & Keen, founded in 1856 in Liverpool. Engraved steel dial signed in black and red, with Roman numerals for the hours, a seconds counter, and superimposed sub-dials with blued steel hands. It features a winding key and a brass locking pin. Inside the case is a round label printed with the words "Issued from H. M. Chronometer Depot, Bradford-on-Avon, August 22, 1944." This depot was managed by the Royal Observatory, which was responsible for the maintenance, testing, and issuance of marine chronometers for the British Admiralty. A beautiful instrument with an early serial number and remarkable provenance. The case is missing its key; a round plate is missing; and there is some wear on the brass fittings that reinforce the case.