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Globe Project

Globes in the Collection

Celestial Globe, by Cary & Co., London, Late 19th Century Inventory No. 45341

The Cary family business in cartography and globe-making was established by John Cary (c.1754-1835). With his brother, William Cary, a maker of scientific instruments, they produced some of the finest globes of the Georgian period. The sons George and John Cary continued the business in the Regency period until it passed to G.F. Cruchley in the mid 19th-century who continued to produce globes under the name of Cary. [Ref: Dekker and van der Kroght, 'Globes of the Western World', 1993]

This celestial globe would have been used for training naval cadets in art of celestial navigation. It is housed in a wooden case with trade label George Lee & Son, Portsmouth, and its patent no. 21540.

Printed on the globe is the inscription, "CARY & Co. / Makers to the Admiralty / 7 PALL MALL / LONDON."; on the horizon ring "CARY, LONDON. PATENT No. 21540".

