

Collectors' Items, Works of Art and Light Fittings / Thursday, 17th April 2025 / Lot 2630



### LOT 2630

A very near pair of mid-19th century Smith's terrestrial and celestial table-top library globes, the terrestrial globe 'containing the whole of the latest discoveries and geographical improvements... 1850', the celestial globe 'containing all the known stars, nebulae & c. Compiled from the works of Wollaston, Flamsted, de la Caille, Haveltt's, Mayer, Bradley, Herschel, Maskelyne The Transations of the Astronomical Society', globes diameter 29cm, both raised on turned walnut legs united by 'X' framed stretchers, height 47cm, width 42cm.

Estimate: £1,500 - £2,500

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### Condition Report

2630. The globes have an overall light brown colour and slight fading, but are in reasonable order.

The celestial globe has a few small areas of surface loss, a long scratch running down from the maker's label and a few areas of very slight lifting to edge of gones.

The terrestrial globe has a slightly darker browned surface, some areas of surface damage around South Pole, surface splashing around South Seas and brown staining around China and Eastern Block. Also some lifting to edge of gones.

Both stands are in reasonable order, but the circular surrounds appear to have later facsimile printed surfaces, so possibly two Smiths globes that have been fitted within this pair of stands and been finished with later printed panels to the rings.

There is one nut missing on the underside of the brass mount.

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