

BOARD OF LONGITUDE **Inventors**



‘John Harrison...Inventor of the Compound Pendulum & of several Time Keepers...’

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1768

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Credit
National Maritime Museum

Description

This print shows John Harrison sitting in front of H3, one of his early attempts at a sea clock. H4 lies on a table in front of him. H4 met the standards of accuracy required by the Board of Longitude but they refused to pay him the full reward stated in the Longitude Act. They were concerned about the practicality of the solution. Harrison appealed to George III and Parliament and received a total reward of £18,750 for H4.

Questions

1. Describe what you can see in this image.
2. Why do you think Harrison is shown alongside both of his clocks, and not just H4?
2. Do you think it was fair of the Board to question the practicality of Harrison's solution? Give reasons for your answer.