Globes in the Collection

Indo-Persian celestial Globe Inventory No. 40716

This is an Indo-Persian celestial globe, probably modern, and made of brass. It is not signed or dated. No stars are marked on the globe, but it is engraved with the ecliptic indicating the apparent pathway of the sun through the Zodiac, the equatorial, tropical and polar circles, the poles of the ecliptic, four great circles passing through the North and South poles, and twelve great circles passing through the poles of the ecliptic and dividing the ecliptic circle into its twelve divisions which are named.

The globe is fixed in a meridian circle with numbered divisions of degrees attached at the poles of the ecliptic, within which it can rotate. The stand consists of four columns, on a circular base, supporting a horizontal circle with numbered divisions of degrees and a semi-circular band in which the globe and its meridian circle rest. The globe could have been fixed at any angle, by means of a screw at the bottom of the semicircular support.

