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In Berlin, the only famous firm for astronomical and geodetic instruments was Pistor & Martins. There was no special market for telescopes in Berlin; the famous observatories and scientific institutions were to be founded later. This chapter concentrates on the history of Carl Bamberg and its successor Askania of Berlin, which has not received much scholarly attention, although together with Zeiss it is the most important German firm of that period. It gives an overview of the variety of instruments made by Carl Bamberg. Besides many smaller amateur telescopes, the major item produced by the Bamberg Works was the large Urania refractor. The Bamberg Works produced an impressive variety of scientific instruments for the international market, such as nautical instruments, time-keeping devices like chronographs or time balls, magnetometers, geodetic and seismographic instruments.

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