

SA1016283

AN HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT 40 DRAWER MAHOGANY COLLECTORS CABINET. PROPERTY OF THE LATE J.C.DALE 1791- 1872.

Price

GBP 3,675

| USD \$4,973 | EUR 4,300

Item Reference: SA1016283**Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 127 cm (50.0")

Width = 86.5 cm (34.1")

Depth = 48.5 cm (19.1")

Description

A SUPERB AND HISTORIC HONDURAS MAHOGANY COLLECTORS CABINET PROPERTY OF THE LATE J.C.DALE CIRCA 1860. DALE WAS POSSIBLY THE MOST IMPORTANT, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND INFLUENTIAL ENTOMOLOGIST IN BRITISH HISTORY. HE DISCOVERED MANY SPECIES AND DEVOTED HIS ENTIRE LIFE TO THE STUDY OF ENTOMOLOGY. THE LULWORTH SKIPPER WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED BY DALE. HIS LEGACY LIVES ON IN THE COLLECTIONS OF THE HOPE DEPARTMENT, OXFORD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM. DALE WAS BORN ON THE 13TH DECEMBER 1791 AND DIED ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY 1872. IN HIS LONG LIFE HE CONTRIBUTED MORE TO ENTOMOLOGY ACROSS ALL ORDERS THAN ANY OTHER BRITISH ENTOMOLOGIST. THE CABINET IS SOLID MAHOGANY THROUGHOUT AND CONTAINS 40 DRAWERS EACH WITH A GLAZED FRAME TOP AND UNIVERSAL CELL. INTERESTING TO ENTOMOLOGISTS THE DRAWERS STILL HAVE THE ORIGINAL PAPERING, ALMOST CERTAINLY LAID IN BY DALE HIMSELF AND SHOWING GHOSTED OUTLINES OF DALES COLLECTION OF BRITISH LEPIDOPTERA! THIS IN ITSELF IS FASCINATING AND IMPORTANT IN IT'S RARITY. THE CABINET IS BUILT WITH HIGHLY FIGURED HONDURAS MAHOGANY AND TYPICAL OF THE STYLE IN THE MID 19TH CENTURY. DALE ALWAYS CHOSE TO 'BACK' HIS CABINETS WITH THE TRADEMARK FABRIC COVERING THAT STILL GRACES THIS EXAMPLE...

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