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A Fine 17th C. William and Mary Kingwood Strongbox or Coffre Fort, Circa 1690

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1057819****Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 21.5 cm (8.5")

Width = 36 cm (14.2")

Depth = 23.5 cm (9.3")

Description

A William and Mary Kingwood/Princes oyster strongbox or Coffre Fort, circa 1680-1700, England. Adorned with highly decorative gilt brass strapwork and decorated in knife-cut oysters of kingwood, this box is fit for the most discerning of collectors. The large gilt brass shield-shaped clasp opens on a push-spring release to reveal a box interior lined in rosewood with two drawers below and two secret compartments hidden within the frieze. Once the fall is open you will find two drawers lined in Kingwood. Two secret compartments and boxes are discreetly hidden above each drawer. The box appears decorative, but it was also very difficult to break open or steal. It has a strong lock to the centre and two bolts concealed in the sides so that it could be screwed down into floorboards if necessary or that of a horse-drawn carriage. Strong boxes veneered in oysters of Princewood such as this were luxury objects. The cabinet-makers who would have constructed and veneered the carcase apparently sold them, often using tropical hardwood veneers, and mounted it with sets of mounts, handles and locks bought in from brass founders. The elaborate veneering and conspicuous gilded bras...

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