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Rare & Exquisite Coromandel Lap Desk with Secret Drawers - Intricate Inlay c.1850

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA111117****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Description

A really exquisite and rarely found writing slope or lap desk dating to the mid nineteenth century, around 1850. Apart from its beauty what makes this a very unusual example is the secret drawers, rarely seen in these slope fronted lap desks, these are more commonly seen in larger writing slopes. Made from exotic and highly prized Coromandel, the top is decorated with the most exquisite engraved Mother of Pearl shell and rich iridescent Abalone shell, quite outstanding. The box opens to reveal a leather writing slope, with gold embossing and the top section fitted with various compartments incorporating a removal pen tray and two original inkwells with screw tops, the inlay is carried from the outside to adorn these compartments, this really is the Rolls Royce of lap desks! One of these compartments has a pressure point which I will label for you so that you know where it is, otherwise it is hard to find. This point when pressed releases the sprung wooden cover hiding the two secret drawers. Top quality all around, the interior is lined in Satinwood and all of the brass fittings such as hinges are all beautifully chased, only found on top notch cabinetry. There is pl...

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