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Jamaican Work Box Attributed to Ralph Turnbull

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Sold**Item Reference: SA333808****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Description

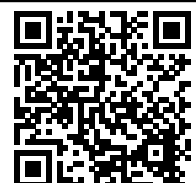
A rare Jamaican work box, the lid with specimen wood cube marquetry, which opens to a lift-out tray with six lidded and 3 open compartments, 2 containing 4 ivory/bone sewing accessories. The lid interior with specimen star burst inlay and the box benefits from having the original brass lock, key and brass hinges. This very interesting work box is very similar to one we have previously owned which bore a label for Ralph Turnbull, Kingston, Jamaica. Ralph Turnbull, a Scottish immigrant is probably the best known maker although there were several other cabinet makers of repute in Jamaica during the early to mid 19th.C. Mostly famed for their exclusive use of exotic local timbers including bitterwood, logwood, wild olive, mountain cabbage, candlewood, coffee and prickly yellow. This particular box has accompanying hand written letters gifting it to a niece in 1937 and suggesting the box was made of timber from The Blue Mountains, Jamaica and made circa 1860. Size:- Width...12.5"...32cm. Depth...9.75"...24.5cm. Height...5"...12.75cm. Free delivery on this item to most of U.K.

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