

SA381992

A 40 DRAWER COLLECTORS CABINET CIRCA 1840. PROPERTY OF J.C.DALE 1791-1872

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA381992****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 128 cm (50.4")

Width = 87 cm (34.3")

Depth = 40 cm (15.7")

Description

THIS SPECTACULAR FORTY DRAWER COLLECTORS CABINET IN FINELY FIGURED HONDURAS MAHOGANY WAS THE PROPERTY OF JAMES CHARLES DALE EASILY DESCRIBED AS THE 'FATHER OF BRITISH ENTOMOLOGY'. THIS ENTOMOLOGIST RANKS AS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE HISTORY OF THE SUBJECT. HIS COLLECTIONS RESIDE WITH THE HOPE DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY AT THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM. DALE BEGAN HIS PROFOUND INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT IN THE VERY EARLY 19TH CENTURY AND COLLECTED AND RECORDED THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, NAMING SPECIES AND CREATING A DETAILED DATA BASE THAT STILL SERVES NOW. (A FULL ACCOUNT OF HIS LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS IS AVAILABLE ON APPLICATION). THIS BEAUTIFUL PERIOD CABINET IS FASHIONED IN SOLID HONDURAS MAHOGANY AND HAS EBONY KNOBS AND DIVIDERS. THE DRAWERS ARE ALL FITTED WITH GLAZED FRAME TOPS AND THE BASES ARE LINED WITH CORK AND PAPERED. THE PAPER IS ORIGINAL AND BEARS A FASCINATING 'TURIN SHROUD' EFFECT DISPLAYING 'GHOSTS' OF THE SPECIMENS HE DILIGENTLY CAUGHT, BRED AND PRESERVED. IT GIVES THE IMPRESSION OF OWNING THE ACTUAL COLLECTION 'ONCE REMOVED'. THE CABINET IS IMPORTANT HISTORICALLY BUT ALSO GIVES A MODERN DAY COLLECTOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AND USE A SUPERB PIECE FROM ONE OF THE 'GR...

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