

SA425917

A FINE PAIR OF EARLY 19TH CENTURY COLLECTORS CABINETS. PROPERTY OF THOMAS VERNON WOLLASTON 1822-1878.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA425917****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 67 cm (26.4")

Width = 51 cm (20.1")

Depth = 51 cm (20.1")

Description

THIS UNIQUE AND HISTORIC PAIR OF COLLECTORS CABINETS WERE THE PROPERTY OF THE VERY FAMOUS 19TH CENTURY ENTOMOLOGIST, THOMAS VERNON WOLLASTON. WOLLASTON WAS PRIMARILY A COLEOPTERIST, (ONE WHO STUDIES BEETLES) AND DESPITE HIS RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, A GREAT FRIEND OF CHARLES DARWIN. WOLLASTONS COLLECTIONS RESIDE WITH THE HOPE DEPARTMENT, OXFORD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM. GREAT BRITAIN. THE PAIR EACH CONTAIN ELEVEN DRAWERS FASHIONED IN MAHOGANY AND EACH DRAWER HAS A CLOSE FITTING GLAZED TOP TO PROTECT AND KEEP DUST FREE THE CONTENTS. THE CABINETS ARE RESPLENDENT IN BEAUTIFULLY SEASONED HONDURAS MAHOGANY, THE PATINA OF WHICH IS ONLY ACHIEVED OVER A VERY LONG PERIOD AND IS SUPERB. THE DRAWERS HAVE CAST BRASS, LACQUERED KNOBS AND THE COCK BEADING TO THE BASE LINE OF EACH DRAWER IS EBONY. THESE ARE, IN EVERY WAY, SUPERLATIVE PIECES. THE PROVENANCE ALONE IS SPECTACULAR BUT THE AESTHETIC AND PRACTICAL QUALITIES UNDENIABLE. IT IS SELDOM THAT ITEMS OF THIS INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE BECOME AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET. TO BE ABLE TO OWN FURNITURE THAT HAS IN IT'S LIFE BEEN VIEWED AND APPRECIATED BY A LUMINARY SUCH AS WOLLASTON AND, INDEED, CHARLES DARWIN HIMSELF, IS EXCEPTIONAL! ALL QUESTIONS ARE

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