

SA555913

18th Century Japanned Collectors Cabinet on Stand, Clive of India

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA555913****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 153 cm (60.2")

Width = 117 cm (46.1")

Depth = 59 cm (23.2")

Description

18th Century Japanned Collectors Cabinet on Stand, Clive of India This wonderful Collectors Cabinet dates from the Early part of the 18th it has large doors enclosing 10 drawers all of different sizes, the cabinet is japanned and decorated in the oriental style with figures of people, animals, wonderful exotic birds and flowers. The brass work is engraved in fine detail Cabinets like this were very popular with people who travelled widely to keep their foreign acquisitions This is a superb piece in its own right, but has a very interesting provenance It is reputed that this lovely piece belonged to Clive of India, there is a handwritten letter that attributes its ownership to him, this was found beneath one of the drawers. There are indications, in Clive of India's own memoirs he records a time when as a lowly clerk he attempted suicide but the pistol failed to shoot, he is said to have place the pistol into a drawer of a cabinet and then at some later point the family sold the cabinet but retained the drawer that housed the pistol. The details about the drawer seem plausible, on very close inspection the bottom left hand drawer (looking at the cabinet from the fro...

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