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A MUSEUM QUALITY LATE VICTORIAN COLLECTORS CABINET BY HOLLAND & SONS. CIRCA 1890. SOURCE, THE BRITISH MUSEUM. LONDON. ENGLAND.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA596807****Date of manufacture: Victorian****Dimensions**

Height = 122 cm (48.0")

Width = 102 cm (40.2")

Depth = 72 cm (28.3")

Description

A MAGNIFICANT AND SUPERLATIVE CABINET MADE BY POSSIBLY THE FINEST CABINET MAKER OF ALL TIME. HOLLAND & SONS WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1803 AND UNDERTOOK THE FINEST WORK UNTIL 1942. THEY WERE AWARDED A PRIZE AT THE GREAT EXHIBITION OF 1851 FOR A SUPERB BOOKCASE AND SPECIALISED IN THE COMMISSIONED MANUFACTURE OF FURNITURE FOR THE MAJOR INSTITUTIONS OF THE ERA. THIS CABINET WAS BUILT FOR THE BRITISH MUSEUM. HOLLAND & SONS RIVALLED GILLOWS OF LANCASTER AND LONDON. EVERY ASPECT, TIMBER AND FIXING RINGS WITH ULTIMATE QUALITY, THE LOCKS WERE SUPPLIED BY GIBBONS OF WOLVERHAMPTON ESTABLISHED AS FINE LOCK SMITHS IN 1670. THE HINGES, SHOOT BOLTS, HANDLES AND DRAWER CATCHES ARE VERY FINE AND WOULD BE THE BEST AVAILABLE AT THE TIME. BEAUTIFULLY FIGURED, RICH MAHOGANY PREDOMINATES AND THE DRAWERS ARE BASED WITH OAK. VELVET SEALS TO ALL THE DOOR SHUTS AND THE INSET CAMPAIGN STYLE DRAWER HANDLE ARE IN ANODISED BRASS. THE DRAWERS HAVE RETAINING CATCHES AT THE BACK SO THAT THE DRAWER MAY BE PULLED OUT TO ENABLE VIEWING OR WORK ON THE COLLECTION HOUSED WITHIN BUT NOT ALLOWING THE DRAWER TO BE INADVERTANTLY DROPPED. IT IS VERY SELDOM THAT AN ITEM OF SUCH QUALITY BECOMES AVAILABLE FOR SALE. THIS...

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