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A FINE HONDURAS
MAHOGANY COLLECTORS
CABINET CIRCA 1860. THE
PROPERTY OF THE LATE
JOHN CHARLES DALE.
(1791-1872).

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA707111****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 80 cm (31.5")

Width = 92 cm (36.2")

Depth = 54 cm (21.3")

Description

A SUPERB AND HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT TWELVE DRAWER MAHOGANY COLLECTORS CABINET WITH COMPARTMENTS TO EACH SIDE OF THE BANK OF DRAWERS, ORIGINALLY THE PROPERTY OF JOHN CHARLES DALE, EASILY DESCRIBABLE AS THE FATHER OF BRITISH ENTOMOLOGY IN THE 19TH CENTURY AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISCOVERY AND NAMING OF MANY INSECTS INCLUDING THE LULWORTH SKIPPER BUTTERFLY. THIS IS A VERY RARE OPPORTUNITY TO OWN AN ITEM OF FURNITURE THAT WAS ONCE THE POSSESSION OF A VERY FAMOUS MAN. WHAT DARWIN WAS TO EVOLUTION, DALE WAS TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND UNDERSTANDING OF ENTOMOLOGY IN THE BRITISH ISLES AND THE WORLD. FASHIONED FROM HIGHLY FIGURED HONDURAS MAHOGANY WITH EBONY STRINGING TO THE SIDE COMPARTMENT DOORS AND TURNED BONE KNOBS TO THE DRAWERS. EACH DRAWER HAS A GLAZED FRAME TO THE TOP AND THE INSIDE BASES OF THE DRAWERS ARE LINED WITH CORK UNDER PAPER. THE DRAWERS BEAR WITNESS IN A FANTASTIC WAY TO DALE'S COLLECTION IN THAT THEY CARRY A "TURIN SHROUD" SHADOW EFFECT LEFT BY HIS COLLECTION OF INSECT SPECIMENS! DALES COLLECTION IS HELD WITHIN THE COLLECTIONS AT THE HOPE DEPARTMENT, OXFORD UNIVERSITY MUSEUM, OXFORD. THE CABINET COMES WITH A UNIQUE SCRAP OF PAPER BEARING DALES HAND WRITING AND IL

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