

SA82495

Grand Antique English Calamander Jewelry Box c.1840

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA82495****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Description

A real show-stopper of a jewellery box, exceptional quality and as decorative as they come. Calamander wood or Coromandel wood is a valuable wood from India, Sri Lanka (Ceylon) and South East Asia. It is of a hazel-brown color, with black stripes (or the other way about), very heavy and hard. It is also known as Macassar Ebony or variegated ebony and is closely related to genuine ebony, but is obtained from different species in the same genus. This exotic wood with its lustrous surface, durability and grain pattern make it a popular choice in modern design and a true fashion statement in the 21st century. The box dates to around 1840, and was a fine top-notch example in its day with solid brass edging, brass stringing and an inlaid cartouche to the top which has a couple of decorative initials engraved, I think J C. The handles to either side are superb with inlaid decorative plates. There is a Bramah lock with working key, the best locks to be found. The button to the back of the top compartment releases the bottom drawer which retains its original fitted interior for jewellery. The main compartment has been recently re-lined in a complimentary hand marbled paper pr...

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