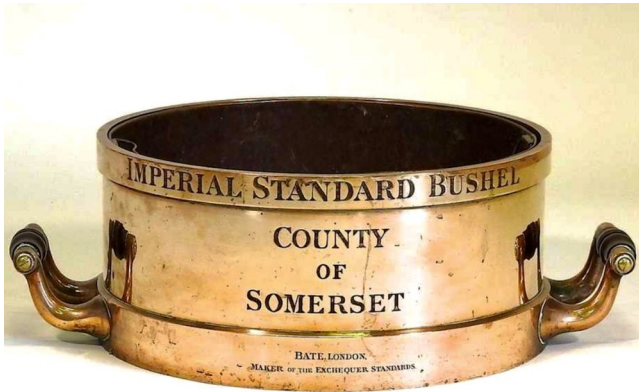


SA948588

IMPERIAL BUSHEL MEASURE FOR COUNTY OF SOMERSET

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA948588****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 23 cm (9.1")

Width = 68.5 cm (27.0")

Depth = 48.2 cm (19.0")

Description

A superb and rare early/mid Victorian solid bronze IMPERIAL BUSHEL MEASURE for the County of Somerset. This heavy measure features twin cast bronze and turned lignum vitae wood handles and is beautifully hand-engraved with the manufacturers: Bate of London ~ maker of the Exchequer Standards. The upper rim is impressed with Customs & Excise stamps and "V.R" proof marks. 19ins diameter; 27ins across the handles; 9ins high. There are many uses for this handsome measure: perhaps as an impressive planter or a wine cooler. Indeed the last one of these we stocked was sold to the owner of a wine bar to hold ice and open bottles of white or rosé wine. ** These measures (they range from the Bushel ~ the largest ~ down to a Half-Gill) were used by Customs & Excise to check that market traders were not under-selling their customers. The penalties for doing so were usually a heavy fine, or for persistent offenders, banishment to a penal colony in Australia!

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