



Black Morocco Travel Writing Case By Wells & Lambe, Court Makers--london, Circa 1820-

2 850 EUR



Signature : Wells & Lambe, 1820-1825

Period : 19th century

Condition : Restauré

Description

Exceptional black morocco leather travel writing setWells & Lambe, Court Makers - London, circa 1820-1825Certain pieces tell the story of English luxury all on their own. This exceptional black morocco leather travel writing case is undoubtedly one of them.Clad in its elegant original embossed morocco leather, retaining its sumptuous green moiré silk interior lining, its gilt brass fittings, and its patented latch mechanism, it bears witness to the absolute refinement achieved by London's great leatherworkers during the Regency period.Founded in the very early 19th century by John Wells, who was based on Cockspur Street, the Wells firm quickly earned an exceptional reputation for crafting pocket books, travel kits, correspondence sets, and writing cases for the British aristocracy. The union of the Wells

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family with the leather goods maker John Lambe gave rise to the prestigious firm Wells & Lambe, whose workshops, first located at 29 Cockspur Street, and later on New Bond Street, were among the most renowned in London. At a time when Hermès did not yet exist in the form we know today, Wells & Lambe embodied the absolute excellence of luxury leather goods in England. Each creation is crafted entirely by hand using the finest materials: intricately worked morocco leather, precious woods, moiré silks, and hardware specially manufactured for the house. Their reputation soon attracted the kingdom's most prominent figures. Archives confirm that their creations were commissioned by several members of the British royal family, notably the Duke of Cumberland, the Duke of York, the Duke of Wellington, and later by Queen Victoria, making Wells & Lambe one of the few leather goods houses to attain the prestigious status of Supplier to the Court of England (Royal Warrant). This writing case perfectly illustrates this pursuit of excellence. Its interior retains all of its silk-lined compartments, its holders for writing accessories, and a patented H. Llewellyn & Co. Patent Lever Lock, one of the finest London security systems of the era. But what truly sets the great Wells & Lambe writing cases apart are their ingenious hidden mechanisms. Behind an apparent simplicity lie subtle secret compartments and invisible drawers, designed to protect confidential correspondence, jewelry, or precious documents. This mechanical sophistication became the company's signature and continues to contribute to the fascination these objects hold for international collectors. More than two centuries after its manufacture, this writing desk remains a remarkable testament to British craftsmanship during the Regency period. Thanks to the exceptional quality of its craftsmanship, the nobility of its materials, its remarkable state of preservation, and the prestige of its maker, it is far more than a simple writing set: it is a true

status symbol, designed to accompany the most distinguished figures of English society on their travels and in their correspondence. A rare piece, emblematic of the golden age of London leather goods, worthy of a place in a major collection of decorative arts or in a private collection dedicated to 19th-century European luxury.