



Antique snooker table or billiard table highly decorative inlay

£40,000



REF: 1192

Height: 83.5 cm (32.9")

Width: 386 cm (152")

Depth: 205 cm (80.7")

Description

A fabulous full size 12ft x 6ft mahogany , ebony marquetry billiard table , English circa 1875.

The side frame is embellished with decorative marquetry roundels and flowing symmetrical fauna of Boxwood and Amboyna ,the cushions sides follow this repeating marquetry pattern on a smaller scale with further ebony roundels.

The bold gadrooned legs are complimented with scroll brackets and fitted with a vine leaf marquetry motif within a diamond of walnut and Amboyna.

Made by Cox & Yeman of London.

The table has been tastefully restored by hand with English handmade cotton nets, cushion rubbers , leathers and cloth.

Cox and Yemen:

Mr Henry Cox and Mr Edward Yeman joined forces at some time in the 1850s to form their own billiard table company,It would appear that Mr Cox was already building tables but needed the expertise of Mr Yeman and his sister who were trained by Burroughes and Watts stuffing cushions and making Holland covers respectively.

By 1864 they were fully fledged manufacturers of billiard tables and supplied specially made competition tables for the 1866 Oxford vs Cambridge match, Dufton's 'Great Handicap' and the hotly contested Roberts and Cook championships. By 1873 the company was located at 184 Brompton Road and listed over fifty titled gentleman as customers including: The Duke of Richmond, The Duke of Wellington, the Earl of Jersey, the Nwab Nizam of Bengal, H.M. the King of Siam, Charles Dickens and 'The London Clubs'. In 1876 Yeman left the partnership but Cox carried on under the same name. In 1902 His Majesty the Shah of Persia, ordered two billiard tables from Messrs. Cox and Yeman, the tables were made of mahogany, with carved legs and fitted with this firm's well-known low cushion.