

A fine, early-17th century, strong box with original paintwork

Sold



REF: 10353

Height: 83 cm (32.7")

Width: 93 cm (36.6")

Depth: 53 cm (20.9")

Description

The top with eighteen, panels reinforced with strap work, and bolts. A keyhole in the centre, with the original cover. The key operating a mechanism on the interior of the lid throwing twelve bolts. Protected by a two-tiered, pierced and engraved inner cover decorated with primitive figures and exotic beasts. The hinges original. The interior painted red, and with a candle box with original lock. The front with eighteen, panels reinforced with strap work and bolts. Twin hasp fittings. Elaborate mask heads above and beneath the false escutcheon. The sides with six, panels reinforced with strap work and bolts and original carrying handles. Retaining original painted vignettes of landscape scenes and floral sprays on a green ground. The later, shaped, wooden stand painted at the front and on the sides. Probably Spanish, 1st quarter of the 17th century.