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A FINE OCTAGONAL LIBRARY DESK

H: 31 in / 78 cm W: 57 in / 145 cm D: 54 in / 137 cm

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stamped by H. Samuel of London

Constructed in a well figured mahogany, adorned with applique rocaille scroll work rising from foliate carved and shaped plinth inset feet, the pedestals separated by reeded stiles capped with inverted scallop shells; four cupboards at the angles, each with shaped fielded panels, with 'c' scrolls at the quadrants, and having two banks of four cock beaded drawers, with stylised swan neck handles. The stiff leaf carved thumbnail moulded edged top having an inset tooled morocco leather. The apron having two diametrically opposed long drawers, with hinged quarter drawers, all with conforming brasses. Signed to the pedestal by 'H. Samuel, 484 Oxford Street W'.

Circa 1880

Literature:

H. Samuel are recorded at this address from 1872 onwards, trading as 'dealers in works of art and furniture'. This desk was probably made for a client, as they are not noted as makers of furniture. The company exists today, and is known mostly for watches and jewellery. The desk is based on a desk acquired by George IV for the Octagon Library at Buckingham Palace, then Buckingham House.

