



**A WALNUT SAFE WELLINGTON CHEST BY S.
MORDAN & CO**

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Original Price: £10,500 | Special Offer: £4,500

Currently in unrestored original condition, please contact us for further information.

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Constructed from burr walnut, the safe disguised as a tall chest of drawers rising from a plinth base with rounded corners, the single door hidden behind five panelled drawers, revealing the velvet-lined safe incorporating two lockable drawers and double shelves; the remaining top and bottom drawers fully functional and having Bramah locks. The door to the safe bearing the maker's label "S. Mordan & Co."

Circa 1850

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S. Mordan & Co was founded by Sampson Mordan (1770-1843), apprentice and assistant of the mechanic John Bramah, nephew of the famous locksmith Joseph Bramah. Founded together with a partner in 1815, the firm started trading under Mordan's eponymous label in 1836, and was continued by his sons from 1843 onwards. Gaining fame with their participation in the 1851 Great Exhibition, Mordan & Co would go on to supply items in silver and gold to Asprey & Co among others, while also producing their own pieces for sale.

Literature:

Joy, Edward T. English Furniture: 1800-1851. London: Sotheby Parke Bernet publ, 1977, p. 211; illustrating a nearly identical walnut safe Wellington chest.