

A Right Royal Lot

There is the opportunity to bid on and buy a piece of furniture from Buckingham Palace in the Charterhouse two-day auction on the **19th & 20th October** in Sherborne.

“Rarely do you come across furniture or chattels from any Royal residence on the open market,” commented Richard Bromell. “Sadly, we have no history as to how this Victorian mahogany linen press came to be removed from its bedroom, but suspect it was when the room was redecorated and updated sometime in the early to mid-20th century.”

The traditional role for a linen press was to store sheets, table cloths, clothing and other textiles. With the increase of bedrooms, the linen press was designed to occupy prominent places in bedrooms as storage closets for clothing.

Dating to the mid-19th century, it is made of mahogany. It has a pair of panel doors enclosing sliding trays, which are above two short and two long drawers, and is possibly made by Holland and Sons. They were high quality furniture manufacturers who received a Royal Warrant of Appointment by Queen Victoria and had also worked at Osborne House, Sandringham House, Balmoral Castle and Windsor Castle



However, it is around the back of linen press where the prestigious history is revealed. It is stamped VR (Victoria Regina) BP (Buckingham Palace) Room 79 and

dated 1866. It also has a printed paper label for King George V, Buckingham Palace noting it was still in Room 79.



Estimated at £2,500- £3,500* *plus 24 % buyer's premium (including VAT) it represents a rare opportunity to acquire a piece of furniture which resided in Buckingham Palace during the reign of at least two monarchs when it goes under the Charterhouse hammer at The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne, Dorset in their two-day auction of furniture, pictures, sporting items and antiques.

For further information about this auction, or for advice on selling a single item, collection or complete house contents, contact **Richard Bromell** at Charterhouse in Sherborne on **01935 812277** or email **info@charterhouse-auction.com**