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# A VICTORIAN MAHOGANY LEPIDOPTEROLOGY CENTRE CABINET

made for the Natural History Museum, Kensington,

a pair, conjoined back-to-back to form a centre library cabinet, with a later tooled-leather top, each cabinet with two panelled doors to the front, opening to reveal two distinct compartments, each with the rails for slide drawers, with reeded brass trim to the door closure, each with brass parliament hinges, the whole raised on four turned feet,

DIMENSIONS: 69cm (27<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>"") High, 99cm (39") Wide, 104cm (41") Deep

PRICE: £925

STOCK CODE: 45711



## HISTORY

LASSCO currently has over 80 of these two-door cabinets. We have here used two to make a single piece of furniture – we have dozens of these cabinets that can be sold ensuite (please see our stock Code 45345)

The cabinets were removed from the Archives of the Natural History Museum over 20years ago when they were stored. The Natural History museum had moved the slide drawers containing hundreds of thousands of butterfly specimens to state of the art humidity controlled cabinets.

Druce's of Baker Street had the ongoing contract to supply these cabinets as the vast collections of Butterflies at the Museum expanded over the decades – hence the uniformity of the cupboards. Another maker Cubitt and Sons – was commissioned to make the cabinets to the same specification.