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NAPOLEONIC PRISONER OF WAR BONE MODEL OF A 78 GUN SHIP

A FINE DETAILED NAPOLEONIC PRISONER OF WAR BONE MODEL OF A 78 GUN SHIP
WITH STANDING AND RUNNING RIGGING ABOVE A DETAILED DECK THE PLANKED AND PINNED HULL WITH OPEN GUN PORTS AND CANNON. A FINE ARCHED, CURVED AND GALLERIED TRANSOM AND A CARVED HORSE FIGUREHEAD
EXCELLENT CONDITION, CONTAINED IN A LATER MAHOGANY AND GLASS CASE
CIRCA 1800
SIZE: 51.5CM HIGH, 23CM DEEP, 63CM LONG – 20¼ INS HIGH, 9 INS DEEP, 24¾ INS LONG

LITERATURE

ONE CAN ONLY BE FILLED WITH WONDER AND AMAZEMENT AT THE SKILL, PATIENCE, INGENUITY AND FORTITUDE DISPLAYED BY THE UNKNOWN FRENCH SEAMEN OF THE NAPOLEONIC ERA WHO PRODUCED THESE ACCOMPLISHED WORKS OF ART IN THE MOST SORDID AND TERRIBLE CONDITIONS OF THE PRISON 'HULKS' WITH PRIMITIVE TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT.
STRIPPED OF ALL MASTS, RIGGING, SAILS, DECORATIONS AND EMBELLISHMENTS THESE 'HULKS' WERE MOORED IN ESTUARIES AND HARBOURS AROUND THE COAST OF BRITAIN. SOME WERE MOORED OFF PLYMOUTH HOUSING THE CAPTURED NAPOLEONIC PRISONERS OF WAR AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS MODEL WAS PURCHASED BY A MEMBER OF THE YOUNGE FAMILY AT THAT TIME AS A MEMENTO OR SOUVENIR OF THE NAPOLEONIC PERIOD.