

## Antique Ships Bookcase Victorian Satinwood Display Cabinet Nautical Marine C1865



### DESCRIPTION

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This is an antique ship's bookcase, a Victorian satinwood display cabinet of nautical, maritime interest dating to circa 1865.

- In desirable satinwood and of generous proportion rising from a continuous plinth base
- Well figured with a lustrous wax polished finish
- Arranged as a pair of glazed cabinet doors flanking a central cupboard
- Interesting centre door with field panels displaying carved detail & inscription
- Fine relief carving of the cartouche and coat of arms bearing the 'Zealous' name
- Featuring a dove, anchor and other naval symbology present
- Three adjustable shelves to glazed cabinets with two shelves fitted in the cupboard
- Cross division to the flanking doors with mahogany bead rail and floral carved centre
- Dressed with later turn catches with drop pulls

A pleasing Victorian period bookcase cabinet presented in good antique condition. Solid joints and construction, delivered waxed, polished and ready for the home.

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### DIMENSIONS

Max Width: 187cm (73.5")

Max Depth: 33cm (13")

Max Height: 107cm (42.25")

We assign this cabinet to, perhaps, HMS Zealous, launched in 1864 and decommissioned in 1875. She was laid down as a wooden, two deck, 90 gun ship by Pembroke Royal Dockyard in the United Kingdom. Later converted and cut down a deck to become a steam powered, armoured frigate with ship set sails. Sailing to Esquimalt, headquarters of the Pacific Station, in 1867 she was to be the flagship to match the French deployment – the only British 'ironclad' to sail further than the Mediterranean. Returning in 1873 she was refitted and became Southampton's guard ship for two years until paid off.

