

Finch & C^o



A FINE AND RARE BLOND RHINOCEROS HORN PRESTIGE SCEPTRE

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SHAFT

SOTHO, SOUTH AFRICA, FINE OLD HONEY COLOURED PATINA

19TH CENTURY

SIZE : 56 CMLONG – 22 INS LONG

LITERATURE

THE WHITE RHINOCEROS HAS A MUCH LONGER HORN THAN THE BLACK RHINOCEROS. ONE BLOND HORN WAS MEASURED WITH A RECORD LENGTH OF 1.58 METRES. THE BLACK RHINO IS ALSO DISTRIBUTED ACROSS A FAR WIDER TERRITORY THAN THE WHITE, WHO TODAY SEEMS CONFINED TO AN AREA NORTH OF THE ORANGE RIVER IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A MEASURE OF THE ESTEEM IN WHICH THESE RHINOCEROS HORN KNOBKERRIE OR SCEPTRE WERE HELD IS EVIDENCED BY AN ENGRAVING OF 1833 OF THE BASOTHO CHIEF MOSHESHWE, (E. CASALIS LES BASSOUTOS, PUB. 1859) SHOWING HIM HOLDING A KNOBKERRIE TO DENOTE HIS CHIEFLY STATUS.