

Finch & C^o



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OLD SMOOTH POLISHED PATINA SOME ABRASION TO ONE SIDE
19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 49CMLONG – 19 INS LONG

LITERATURE

RHINOCEROS HORN STAFFS OR KNOBKERIES WERE REGARDED AS PRESTIGE ITEMS AND WERE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF A CHIEF'S REGALIA FUNCTIONING BOTH AS A STAFF OF OFFICE AND AS A SYMBOL OF HIS PERSONAL DIGNITY.