

# *Finch & C<sup>o</sup>*



## **EAST AFRICAN KENYAN PROBABLY MASAI CARVED BLACK RHINOCEROS HORN SCEPTRE**

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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.