



The Principal Contents of North Mymms Park - Two-Day Sale - DAY TWO (A759)

18th April 2018

Viewing: 12 April 2018 Private View

13 April 2018 9am - 5pm

14 April 2018 10am - 1pm

15 April 2018 10am - 1pm

16 April 2018 9am - 5pm

17 April 2018 from 9am

18 April 2018 from 9am

Lot 301

Estimate: £10000 - £15000 +Fees

A Brussels mythological tapestry

A Brussels mythological tapestry, The Labours of Hercules (2): Hercules and Cacus, probably mid-16th century, in the manner of Bernard van Orley, the tenth labour of Hercules, on the left background, are subsidiary events from the eleventh labour, with the Hesperides guarding the Golden Apples, assisted by the dragon Ladon, to the right Hercules is lifting Antaeus and squeezing him to death, Brussels town mark to bottom left, within an en suite border, 11ft high x 14ft 5ins wide (335 x 449cm)

Provenance: By repute, the Pallavicino Family, by descent to Marchese Serra, Palazzo Verde, Genoa; from whom purchased by J Pierpont Morgan and gifted to Walter Hayes Burns; Christie's, North Mymms Park, September 1979, lot 501.

The tenth Labour of Hercules was the Capture of the Oxen of Geryones in Erythia. Many attempts were made to deprive Hercules of the oxen, notably by Cacus, a giant who lived in a cave on Mt. Aventius. Cacus stole some of the cattle and attempted to conceal their traces by dragging them backwards by their tails into the cave. As the other cattle passed the cave, those within started to bellow and were thus discovered, whereupon Cacus was slain by Hercules.

Condition Report

Fading, discolouration, colour loss. Many areas have stitched repairs, many areas have infilled holes and individual stitches, patched areas, extensive repairs. Backed. Please view extensive images.