



Printed Books, Maps & Documents, Library of Dawson Turner (1775-1858), John Lawson Reference Library (MAR20)

Wed, 4th Mar 2020

Viewing:

Tuesday 3 March 2020 from 9.00am to 6.00pm and on the morning of the sale from 9.00am onwards.

Lot 210

Estimate: £2000 - £3000 + Fees

Mary I (Queen of England, 1516-1558). Grant of Arms to John Hombreston, 17 June 1554

Mary I (Queen of England, 1516-1558). Grant of Arms to John Hombreston [Humberston of Hertfordshire?] signed by William Hervey, Norroy King of Arms, in the first year of Queen Mary's reign, 17 June 1554, *grant of arms on vellum, hand-painted armorial bearings of 3 bars & 3 roundels in dark blue & tarnished silver paint and engrailed with border, crest depicting a Tudor fabrication of an unknown and curious fabulous beast with horse-like neck & head with two short curved horns, 31 lines of English text written in a fine chancery hand, with large gilt initial letter incorporating illuminated portrait of William Hervey wearing Herald's tabard and crown and holding staff of office (short closed tear to old fold beneath figure's feet), upper decorative border with Tudor rose within garter and crown above at centre and with two gilt fleurs-de-lis either side, with elaborate hand-painted floral border to upper and side margins incorporating stylized roses, cornflowers, violets, pansies, pinks and strawberry plants etc. (very small hole to one leaf of upper border), signature of William Hervey as Norroy King of Arms lower right, without seals & tags, margins cropped to edge of decorative borders and around signature at foot, old folds, some staining, dust-soiling and toning, laid down on mount board with some consequent creasing and cockling, approximately 28.5 x 57 cm, (31 x 57 cm including signature at foot), framed & glazed*

Qty: 1