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WOOD CARVINGS

19th Century ceremonial launching mallet and chisel

£850 AVAILABLE



Specification

WIDTH	25 cm (10 in)
DEPTH	13 cm (5 in)
HEIGHT	5 cm (2 in)
CONDITION	Very Good
STOCK NUMBER	2808

Description

19th Century ceremonial launching carved mallet and chisel made out of boxwood, both the mallet and chisel having fabulous intricate carving including thistle which indicates they are more than likely Scottish. The purpose of the chisel was used to symbolically cut the final rope or "shore" holding the ship, while the mallet (or gavel) was used to strike it. Circa 1880.