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Lot 71

Estimate: £5000 - £8000 + Fees

A fine and important felt appliquand patchworked album coverlet made by Ann West in 1820, with a mosaic of beige, red, brown and black felted wool patches taken from coats and military uniforms, the central panel with 'Adam giving names to every living thing' in the Garden of Eden, surrounded by assorted vignettes, many with inked yellow chintz labels including Adam & Eve, King David, Lazarus/St Paul, The Ishmaelites, Joseph's Brethren who exclaim "And they said one to another, Behold a dreamer cometh", Joseph, David & Goliath, St James; larger square panels with Christ & the Woman of Sumaria, Abraham & Isaac, the ghoulish death of Abel, the discovery of Moses, Jacob's Dream, Daniel in the Lion's Den, the smaller panels in between with scenes from everyday life including a Milkmaid, Sportsman, Coachman, Gardener, Fishwoman, Mother, Nurse and Child, Sweeps, an old woman selling nets & co, a Rabbit, a Cryer, a Swineherd, an Auctioneer, fencing soldiers, an Old Acquaintance, African natives (Caffres), Negro Servant and Master, a Wedding, An Indian (which looks like a Chinaman); Been Fishing, A Distressed Widow, three stylish soldiers, musicians, old lady with cats, sobbing beauty, Your Honour Madam, brush seller, gipsies, Friendship, Pray Help a Poor Sailor, lady and gentleman on horseback, A Play, harvest scene with the discovery of a bird's nest, signed to the left and right sides "Ann West's work 1820' and also with the legends, "Remember Me" and Forget Me Not", the lower outer border with swimming fishes and sea shells, the other sides with hearts, flowers, leaves and fruits, backed in satinised red cotton, 244 by 221cm, 96 by 87in