



Passion for Fashion (60)

Thu, 17th Mar 2011 GMT/BST

Lot 51

Estimate: £8000 - £12000 + Fees

A rare gentleman's day ensemble, early 1850s, comprising: navy facecloth double breasted tailcoat, with brass buttons stamped to the reverse 'Hardmans & Iliffes, Birmingham', 'Hon i soit qui mal y pense' below a crown, angular lapels with buttonholes, velvet collar, narrow curved sleeves, deep pockets in the rear skirt folds; the dove grey trousers with brass buttons to fasten and for braces, small fob-pocket at the waist; and three waistcoats of ivory figured damask, velvet woven with thistles and blooms; and floral brocaded black satin, (5)

This ensemble probably belonged to the vendor's ancestor, details as follows: Richard Seddon Toller, Solicitor, Clerk of the Peace for the Borough of Leicester 1836-96, of Stonegate House, Knighton, near Leicester. Born 7th December 1805, baptised on 2nd May 1807 at Great Meeting Chapel, Kettering. Educated - Mill Hill. Married on 19th Jan 1847 at St. Margaret's, Leicester, to Mary Bolton, eldest daughter of William Seddon of Stonegate House. She died 3rd August 1887 and he died 13th January 1896.