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COLLEN, LADY

15/16

Grey Friars

13 March 1916.

Dear Madam,

Thanks for your kind letter of the 10th inst. with reference to the Nepalese and Thibetan curios. I am sorry but at the present time I shall be unable to make you any offer for them, so would not like to give you the trouble of sending them for me to see.

With many thanks for your kind offer.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Lady Collen,

The Cedars,

Kelvedon,

Essex.

Grey Friars

4 January 1916.

Dear Madam,

I have now been able to look through the Chinese and Indian objects you so kindly sent for me to see, and have selected the following:-

	£.	s.	d.
1 large flat Pendant	1.	0.	0.
Necklet of tabs		12.	0.
Flat bronze tablet		6.	6.
Toilet box		12.	0.
Small metal piece, horned		5.	0.
Nepal oil jug		15.	0.
Bronze jar and cover		15.	0.

Total.....£4. 5. 6.

I have pleasure in enclosing you a cheque for £4. 5s. 6d. herewith.

The Chinese actor's coat is a very handsome piece of embroidery, but I much regret it is quite useless to me. Should I hear of any likely purchasers I shall be pleased to put them in touch with you.

I shall be glad if you will kindly acknowledge receipt of the cheque and the other articles which have been sent to you at Frinton-on-Sea as requested, by parcel post insured.

Faithfully yours,

Lady Collen,
Bastry,
III Avenue,
Frinton-on-Sea.

✓ One amulet pendant with a god and wolf in relief, repousse. Heart-shaped. Cost 10/-.

WHMM 1877.

✓ One printed Indian cloth. Cost 1/-.

✓ One amulet casket, silver. Cost 25/-.

WHMM 1878

✓ One silver amulet box with bells. Cost 12/-.

WHMM 1875

AMM. 1875

List of Objects bought from Lady Collen's collection

Nepal oil jug. Cost 25/-.

One brass Indian inkstand with sheaths for pens.
Darjeeling. Cost 10/-.

Prayer wheel (Thibetan) copper, repousse with inscription.
Cost 7/6.

One copper vase. Cost 5/6.

One shrine box, copper (Thibetan).
Cost 7/6.

One brass repousse dome-shaped lamp top. Cost 1/-.

silver
Peacock/pendant, repousse with 39 bell-shaped
pendants. Thibet. £1.

WHMM. 1881

✓ Amulet pendant, square, set with turquoises with 25
small bulbous pendants. Cost ~~25/-~~ 16/6

WHMM 1880.

✓ Amulet pendant, square, with 2 gods in relief. Cost 8/-.

WHMM. 1879.

CAPE TO CAIRO FAIR and RED CROSS FÊTE.

To Stallholders,

All prices of articles, where not marked in figures, are denoted in the following distinctive coloured ribbons :

BLACK, value 6d.

RED do. 1/-

GREEN do. 2/-

BLUE do. 3/-

YELLOW do. 4/-

WHITE do. 5/-

Wendy 92 - 8 0
heart pendant 10 - 0

Pendant 1-5-0

neckline -10-0

pendant 7 16-6

bird 1-0-0

barrel -12-0

Ringer wheel - 7-6

" bar 7-6

case - 3-6

" 5-6

Hindoo oil lamp 1-0

Nepalese oil lamp 1-5-0

Indian lamp 1-5-0

7.12.6

Silver Articles.

		<u>L. s. d</u>	
Belt		6. 0. 0	
Headress		1. 10. 0	
Barrel necklace		2. 0. 0	
ditto		1. 10. 0	
Irish necklace		1. 10. 0	
ditto		1. 0. 0	
Large flat pendant	1. 0. 0	1. 0. 0	✓
necklet of tabs	- 12. 0	- 12. 0	✓
	12. 0		
	12. 0		
Irish turquoise pendant	1. 10. 0	1. 10. 0	
ditto	- 4. 17. 6	1. 5. 0	

Bronze & Brass articles

Flat tablet - - -	- 6. 6	✓
Buddha	- 12. 0	
old toilet box	- 12. 0	✓
small piece, turned,	- 5. 0	✓
old nepal oil jug	- 15. 0	✓
jar & cover - - -	- 15. 0	✓
Irony fan mounts	10. 0	
Set of large playing cards	2. 0. 0	
ditto small	15. 0	
Actors Embroidered Coat	15. 0. 0	

2 parcels

Grey Friars

30 December 1915.

Dear Lady Collen,

Many thanks for your kind letter.
The two boxes have just arrived safely,
and as soon as I have time to examine
them I will write you again.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

The Cedars

Kelvedon Essex

March 10. 1916

Dear Sir

A few days ago
I came across several
old Nepalese & Tibetan
things which may
possibly interest you
Such as, black bronze
perforated oval box
with handle, a hand=

Some perforated
brass Chinese Casket
- smaller embossed
Casket - Toilet box
larger than the one
you bought, a fairly
large nepalese oil
jug & one or two
small articles -
would you like to

See These next week?
I wonder if a large
Burmese Priest's boy
would interest you -
The "Phoongees" (Priests)
use these for sacred
papers & the boxes
were most difficult
to get as the Priests do
not like them I told
The boy is of wood,
gilt all over & set with
imitation jewels

- relief carving all
over - red lacquer
inside -

I want £10 for it -
+ a Persian dealer in
Brighton offered me £8
a while ago -

Then I have a very
old guaranteed

knife box 3 corners
with wide copper
bands - handles off
+ inside green base
being very worn + old

It is one of the oldest
I have ever seen
& I am sure you would
not think £4 too
much for it - The
common modern ones
cost nearly that -

Do you care for old
Jezails (Affghan
Hint lock guns?
I could spare 2 -

In replying would
you very kindly

First mention which
of the things you
would like to see?

Yours Trl

B. Collier

Collen
(Lady).

THE CEDARS.

KELVEDON.

ESSEX.

Wedg. Dec. 22, 15

Dear Sir

As you wished to
see all the old Silver
& bronze & brass orna-
ments I have by me
I have much pleasure
in sending you some
to see as per list
enclosed herewith -

I bought all of them
in various parts of

THE CEDARS,
KELVEDON,
IRELAND.
India, Kashmir &c.
& to the best of my
belief they are
genuine. I've had
them for many years
but owing to my only
having a very small
pension which is very
much reduced during
this awful war, I
feel I must part with
most of my collection.
I gave 2 thirds of the

price of those you brought
to the African Red
Fund & if it is the same
to you I should very
much like to devote
a good sum out of any
of the articles you
may buy which I
now send to the
Serbian Fund for
Destitute Children
in which I am very
much interested -
I closed my acct
with the Cape & Cairo

Fair & did very well
The Silver Belt now
sent may seem expensive
to you but it is a won-
derful old piece of
work, unique, & very
solid -

I think you will ad-
mire the Chinese
Actor's Coat which I
guarantee to have come
from the Imperial
Palace in Peking in 1900
- My son wore it at a
Carnival at the Crystal
Palace in (I think 1905)

I won a 1st Prize with
it - a large Silver
bowl for the dinner
table -

If you can help me
sell it for £15
I should be most
grateful - It has been
valued by several
people at £20 -

The Phoongee (Burmese
Priests) gift & jewelled
box I cannot very
well send you till

I return home again
end of Jan. as I
am just going away
to my daughter =
Wm. Norwood
Eastry

Winton-on-Sea
~~East~~
town - having
set my house I
will you kindly write
to me there? -

With Compliments
Mrs. Hul

Blanche Collier
(Lady Collier)

The playing cards are
made of the scales of
the Tohoo fish &
Stevens in King St
Covent Garden sold
a small box for me
at one time for

35/- ! -

Collen
(Jacky)

at Eastay. III Avenue
Frinton-on-Sea.

~~Edwy~~
Monday Dec. 27. 15

Dear Sir

The address you
gave me at the Cape
& Cairo Fair was put
in two safe-a place &
I have only just found
it - Before I left home
(The Cedars. Helvedon)
~~Edwy~~

last Thursday, I
packed up some silver
& brass curios for you
to see & a letter is inside
one of the parcels -
I've written to my mind
to forward the 2 parcels
to you - one by reg^d
post & the other with
the Chinese Actors Co. &
some brass things,

by rail - paid -
I am here with my
daughter for another
week & it would save
delay & expense if you
would return all you
do not want to me
here at Frinton -
My stall realised
£67. odd & I sold 31
tickets besides -
With the compliments

of the Season

I am p^r the

Blanche Collier

Lady Collier)