



19th Century Antique

A statuary white marble chimneypiece designed by William Playfair, the moulded serpentine shaped shelf with crescented angled returns. Above a moulded and serpentine shaped frieze in both directions - on plan and as the top of the opening. The rounded and canted corbelled jambs with acanthus carved foliage to the corbels and bell flowers rising from a lotus bud to the plinth block. See the following page for more information about the provenance of this piece.

Dimensions

Height 45¼in (114.9cm) width 71½in (181.5cm)

Internal height 36in (91.5cm) width 39¼in (99.5cm)

Footblock to footblock 66½in (168cm)

Depth 18½in (47cm)

Reference

N187

Provenance

Christie's house sale, Floors Castle, 17th September 1990, lot number 153:

This chimneypiece designed by Playfair along with its pair and the Roxburgh Night chimneypiece were commissioned by Sir Henry Robert Innes Ker, 6th Duke of Roxburghe (1816-1879) for his great drawing room which the architect William Playfair (1790-1857) had added to Floors Castle in the 1840's.

The chimneypiece can be clearly seen beneath a large pier glass in an engraving from 'Historic Houses of the United Kingdom' (1891).