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Lot 138

Estimate: £2000 - £3000 + Fees

WILLIAM DE MORGAN (1839-1917) PAIR OF RUBY LUSTRE 8 INCH TILES, CIRCA 1890

depicting fighting ships and sea creatures

Qty: 2

20.5cm square

Literature: Greenwood, M. *The Designs of William De Morgan*, Richard Dennis, 2007, p153, pl.447 where the design for this tile panel is illustrated.

Catleugh, J. *William de Morgan Tiles* Richard Dennis 1983 p. 153

Note: Early lustre tiles by de Morgan were fired on Dutch delft tiles often to impressive effect although these are scarcer. Many examples, as in the present lot, were produced using 'bought in' white glazed industrial tiles. This industrial type of glazed tile had the advantage of consistent and strong glazes and were easily available. The decoration was painted and the tile then re-fired in his workshops.