



Design Since 1860 (634)

Wed, 21st Apr 2021, Live Online

Viewing Times:

In-person viewing unavailable. Enjoy a virtual tour, click below

[Take a Tour](#)

Lot 97

Estimate: £1000 - £1500 + Fees

WILLIAM MORRIS (1834-1896) FOR MORRIS & CO. RARE 'ST. JAMES' PATTERN WALLPAPER REPEAT, CIRCA 1881

block-printed paper, framed

118cm x 106cm

Provenance: St. James Palace, London

Literature: Clark, Fiona (editor) *William Morris: Wallpapers and Chintzes*, Academy Editions 1974, p. 15 and 36, no. 28 illus.

Note: Morris & Co. only undertook two public commissions, and this rare repeat fragment of wallpaper comes from one of them - St James's Palace, London. It was removed during a renovation. The other commission was for the South Kensington Museum. The two are possibly connected "through the influence of Richard Redgrave, who was both on the staff at South Kensington and, in his capacity as Surveyor of the Queen's Pictures, was reorganising the paintings at St. James' from 1864 onwards."