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Regency Natural Saltwater Pearl and Old Mine-Cut Diamond Necklace, Circa 1820

£1,650

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Description

A fine and exceptionally elegant Regency necklace composed of two graduating strands of natural saltwater pearls, dating to circa 1820. The pearls range from approximately 1 to 4 mm, their subtle variations in size and soft, silvery lustre lending the piece a delicate, organic beauty that is impossible to replicate in modern cultured pearls.

The double strands progress gracefully towards a gold clasp set with a single oval old mine-cut diamond, approximately 0.70 carat. Its hand-cut facets give the diamond a gentle, lively brilliance, providing a luminous focal point to the restrained refinement of the pearl strands. The warm gold setting offers a beautiful contrast to the cool, softly glowing pearls.

Natural saltwater pearl necklaces of this early date are increasingly scarce, particularly in such a refined double-strand design. The necklace embodies the understated luxury of the Regency period, when fine pearls were prized for their rarity, natural beauty, and association with elegance and status.

A remarkably wearable jewel with both historic charm and timeless appeal, this necklace would be an important addition to a collection of Regency jewellery, antique natural pearls, or early 19th-century diamond-set jewels. It also offers a beautifully distinctive choice for a bride or collector seeking a jewel of genuine period character.

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