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The Country House Library including the Library of Bocket Hall
Tuesday 25 March 2003

Total: £307,574	Lots Offered: 191	Lots Sold: 163
\$484,737	Sold by Lot: 85%	Sold by £: 93%
€453,057	Sale No: 9590	Exchange Rate: \$1.576/€1.473

Top Lots					
Lot	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
101	£28,200	\$44,443	€41,539	£12,000-18,000	U.K Trade
<i>An extensive collection of signed autograph letters, quotations and fragments by composers, musicians and singers, including Ludwig van Beethoven, Sir Edward Elgar and Hector Berlioz</i>					
82	£21,150	\$33,332	€31,154	£20,000-30,000	U.K. Trade
<i>Joannes Kip, Nouveau Theatre de la Grande Bretagne, London, 1735</i>					
20	15,275	\$24,073	€22,500	£15,000-25,000	U.S. Trade
<i>John Boydell, An History of the River Thames, London, 1794-96</i>					

Comment: Nicholas Worskett, Specialist in Charge of the Sale:

"We were delighted with the results of today's inaugural 'Country House Library' sale which included the library of Bocket Hall. Bidding was solid throughout, as reflected in the strong figures of 93% sold by value and 85% sold by lot, and it was encouraging to see that our targeted marketing resulted in so many new faces in the saleroom. There was great demand, as always, for fine bindings, and I was particularly delighted by the top price of the day, of £28,200, for a collection of bound music manuscripts (lot 101) which included a Beethoven fragment. The next 'Country House Library' sale is planned for December 2003."