

CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF ITEMS GIFTED TO THE MUSEUM

ACQUISITIONS

- I, the owner (or a person authorised to act on behalf of the owner), confirm that I have **undisputed title** to the object (s) listed overleaf and their copyright with full power to dispose of the items and transfer such title and copyright to the Museum's governing body.
- If the Museum accepts any artefact into its permanent collection, whether by way of purchase or gift, it will be assumed by all parties that the original owner shall have transferred absolute ownership including copyright and reproduction privileges of the item(s) specified overleaf to the Museum without conditions and they will be held entirely at the Museum's risk.
- The Museum is very grateful for your generous gift, which it can only accept without conditions. This means that your gift will become the Museum's property and you and your family will not be able to claim the gift back. In addition you will not be consulted about any use the Museum makes of your gift. This includes how it is displayed and whether it is lent to other museums. If, in exceptional circumstances, we no longer require it, we will dispose of it in accordance with the guidelines of the Museums Association, which favour transfer to another museum. Few gifts are put on permanent public display, but otherwise they are carefully stored and are available for research and education purposes.

ENQUIRIES AND IDENTIFICATION

- Neither the Museum's governing body, nor its officers or employees accept any liability whatsoever for an opinion that may be expressed on items submitted for examination. Opinions may only be given to the owner of an item or to the representative of the owner.
- Staff are not authorised to give valuations, to assist in the disposal of private property or to express opinions regarding the merits of business firms.
- It is the depositor's responsibility to collect item(s) within 3 months of the date of the form, after which the Museum reserves the right to dispose of the item as it sees fit.
- The Museum will take the same care for the protection of the item(s) while they are in its custody as it does for items in its permanent collections, including subjecting the item(s) to conservation in order to stabilise it, or to answer the enquiry. Except in the case of negligence on the part of itself, its officers or employees, the Museum's governing body does not accept liability for loss of, or damage to, or deterioration in, the items described overleaf.