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Empire French silver gilt library lamp by Alexis Falize, Paris c.1865,

designed as a slender fluted stem upon a central oval supported by a sphinx on a square base, the stem supporting the adjustable quatrelobe shades set with engraved dark mauve glass, the oval section emitting straight arms from bacchus masks and supporting round candle sconces, draped wreaths hung below, the reverse of the oval inset with a light brown chalcedony panel, the whole decorated with anthemion honeysuckle motifs, foliate scrolls and set with turquoises, an openwork lyre surmount to the top with coloured pearl, the base raised on four paw feet, together with its original leather case stamped with a crowned N, indicating that it was purchased by Napoleon III

Accompanied by a copy of the original design, which was first published in the German journal 'Die Gewerbehalle', this example taken from the American version: 'The Workshop', vol. III, no. II, New York 1875, p.172.

Exhibited in the Fan Museum, Greenwich 2011-2012

Height 44.5cms / 17 1/2"

Weight: 1752g gross