

SA1015114

Late Regency Period Mahogany Secrétaire Bookcase Circa 1825-30

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1015114****Date of manufacture: Regency**

Dimensions

Height = 226 cm (89.0")

Width = 97 cm (38.2")

Depth = 53 cm (20.9")

Description

A Very Fine Late Regency Period Mahogany Secrétaire Bookcase in the Manner of J. C. Loudon c.1825-30. Of fine and small size, this charming piece is in a restrained gothic style with arched astragal glazing bars to the upper bookcase doors and interesting panelled reserves to the secrétaire drawer and the two cupboard doors below. Blind fretwork in the gothic taste also decorates the pilasters on the lower section which is further ornamented with a finely gadrooned edging and feet. The whole piece is veneered in finely selected mahogany of lovely figure which has achieved a very fine colour and patination and contrasts gloriously with the gilt metal handles on the secrétaire drawer. The gilt brass central strip on the bookcase doors, both decorative and a way to keep out dust, is a very nice touch as well. The cupboard base features one traditional cupboard door and another which conceals a leaded cellaret compartment designed for keeping wine cool. This feature makes clear that the piece was originally intended as a multi-purpose piece of furniture in a dining room, probably used for displaying the dinner service when not in use. The secrétaire section on our piece is...

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