

SA1090305

FINE GILLOWS MAHOGANY ARCHITECT'S DESK or LIBRARY TABLE

Price

GBP 12,950

| USD \$17,490 | EUR 15,146

Item Reference: SA1090305

Date of manufacture: Georgian

Dimensions

Height = 96 cm (37.8")

Width = 130 cm (51.2")

Depth = 71 cm (28.0")

Description

This Fine Georgian Mahogany Architect's Desk or Library Table dates from circa 1820. It has many interesting features. The double-depth Secrétaire Drawer pulls forward to reveal a baize-lined surface, the middle of which can be raised on a ratchet. When this baize section is slid back six individual compartments are revealed, each inlaid with letters of the alphabet, creating an early filing system. A secret drawer may be found behind the lettered compartments. The centre of this section has been left vacant, as intended by the Maker, to allow papers to be put away and hidden from view should the Writer be unexpectedly interrupted. An interesting feature of the Desk is the top which can be raised on two ratchets which fit into brass, rather than wood, steps. Although not stamped, the quality, overall design and interesting features mentioned, would lead to the Gillows attribution. Similar desks are illustrated in the Gillows Book by Susan E. Stuart, Volume 1, Pages 279-282. The Desk is free-standing and the back, as Gillows wrote, has 'a sham front of mahogany fitt to bring into the centre of a room to be seen all round. The Desk is in good condition, of rich colour ...

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