

SA1166794

Coxed and Woster George I Burr Maple Secrétaire Chest and Cabinet

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1166794****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 196.5 cm (77.4")

Width = 108 cm (42.5")

Depth = 50.7 cm (20.0")

Description

No: 412N An incredibly rare early 18th. Century Burr Maple, Rosewood and Pewter inlaid Secrétaire-Chest and Cabinet bearing the makers label for Coxed and Woster. Antique Dealers have for many years raved about Mulberry pieces made by Coxed and Woster. Way back in Country Life, October 2nd 1969 "The myth of the Mulberry Burr veneer", by Edward H Pinto showed how wrong we had been and Adam Bowett went further in his researches. It is also interesting to note Stalker and Parkers treatise on "Japaning and Varnishing" where they detail how to treat Burr Maple to make it appear like Tortoiseshell. During the late 17th and early 18th Centuries it was high fashion to have orient inspired pieces of furniture and lacquered screens, clock cases, bookcases, desks and chests were produced. This often meant importing lacquered panels from Japan and China at great expense. When Stalker & Parker published their treatise in 1688 it enabled the English cabinetmakers to produce an oriental effect at a much reduced cost. Tortoiseshell veneered pieces were much in demand so the treatise dealt with that as well, advising how to produce the tortoiseshell-like effect using burr ash and bur...

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