

SA1216409

George III 18th Century Period Secrétaire Cabinet

Price

GBP 8,750

| USD \$11,841 | EUR 10,238

Item Reference: SA1216409**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 108 cm (42.5")

Width = 59 cm (23.2")

Depth = 31 cm (12.2")

Description

Late George III 18th century period tulipwood and purpleheart 'secrétaire à abattant' of small proportions. A fine and rare Sheraton period secrétaire desk. The purpleheart crossbanding is followed throughout with large tulipwood parquetry panels to complement the overall style. The drawer to the top frieze is above a fall-front desk which is fitted with banks of drawers. The secrétaire drawers retain the original colours of the base woods as well as the original gilt brass handles. The leather lined surface could be from the time of manufacture and sits above a cupboard door that opens to reveal a single shelf. The Sheraton abattant stands on bracket feet with quarter inlays to the sides and top. The fall-front secrétaire, or desk, has as many names as it does forms. Often called a 'secrétaire', or 'secretary' in America, it can also simply be a 'writing cabinet', and the French term 'secrétaire à abattant', which translates as a 'drop-leaf desk', is regularly used by antique dealers and auction rooms. All describe an upright cabinet with drawers or doors in the base, below a flap-down writing platform disguising pigeon holes and small drawers for hiding treasure...

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