

SA1217986

An Edwardian Satinwood 'Carlton House' Desk

Price

GBP 2,800

| USD \$3,818 | EUR 3,267

Item Reference: SA1217986

Date of manufacture: Edwardian

Dimensions

Height = 98 cm (38.6")

Width = 123 cm (48.4")

Depth = 65 cm (25.6")

Description

Constructed from grained satinwood with a glorious lustre heightened throughout with fine stringing and crossbanding, the writing desk standing on four slender tapering legs with spade feet and a curved back; the frieze housing three drawers with curved Georgian style brass handles, the superstructure having a central bank of three graduated drawers, flanked by pigeon holes and cupboards with curved doors, leading to the pair of drawers on each corner flanking the central blue baize writing surface. English, circa 1910. Currently in unrestored original condition, please contact us for further information. First documented in a 1790 royal invoice from cabinetmaker John Kerr, this unique adaptation of the French bureau à gradin was originally supplied directly to the Prince of Wales. Its defining architectural feature is the horseshoe-shaped superstructure, which enclosed the user in a specialised workspace that heavily favoured flush, locking drawers over traditional open pigeonholes. Interestingly, the 'Carlton House' moniker wasn't coined by the Crown, but was instead adopted by the Gillows firm in 1796 as a clever way to market the design by leveraging the immense cult...

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