

SA559425

George III mahogany bureau

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA559425

Date of manufacture: Georgian

Dimensions

Height = 103 cm (40.6")

Width = 111 cm (43.7")

Depth = 56 cm (22.0")

Description

George III mahogany bureau This George III mahogany bureau was made circa 1790. The bureau was made in a good workshop in the North. The cabinet makers in the Manchester and Liverpool region had access to the superb mahogany, that was being imported from the West Indies aboard the ships coming into port. The mahogany was used as ballast to keep the ships stable while making the long precarious journeys from the Caribbean. The bureau has 4 long graduated drawers, fitted with its original ormolu swing brass handles. The cabinetmaker had selected the interesting timber to use on the fall to make it eye catching, and so set it apart from others. The fall pulls forward and rests on sliding supports, so that you have a stable surface to work on. The interior consists of pigeon holes to store stationery etc and a series of drawers. To each side of the interior door are secret drawers, that slide forward by slipping you finger into a hole from the back of the cupboards interior. It stands on shaped bracket feet. A bureau was an important part of the home, and would be placed in a prominent area. When this was made in the late 18thc. walnut and oak was seen as unfashionable, mahog...

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