

SA586518

George III Period Mahogany Library Desk by Gillows of Lancaster

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA586518****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 99 cm (39.0")

Width = 132 cm (52.0")

Depth = 66 cm (26.0")

Description

A superb quality George III Period free standing Mahogany Secretaire Library Desk or Centre Cabinet by Gillows of Lancaster, panelled in the round with a secretaire drawer containing "alphabet inlaid" lidded compartments and a removable writing slope above a kneehole cupboard flanked by 3 graduated drawers to each side and the whole raised on a plinth base. Circa 1790 H: 39" 99cms. W:52", 132 cms, D:26", 66 cms Attribution: We know this is by Gillows of Lancaster even though there is no stamp on it or signature. What does it have – well it has the same knobs as the library secretaire Table by Gillows which we bought some years ago from Mere Hall. The timbers are exceptional quality with only the richest Mahogany used throughout. The secretaire opens to show letter inlaid oval panel hinged compartments which was a speciality of Gillows and it has the secret boxes with the original green material pulls hidden behind these compartments, and the hinged secretaire drawer. These are all hallmarks of a family of desks made by Gillows in the last quarter of the 18th. century and written up in detail by Susan Stuart in her wonderful 2 volume set on Gillows. There are numero...

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