

SA839927

A FINE AND RARE GEORGE III
 MAHOGANY, REGULATOR
 QUALITY, MUDGE & DUTTON
 STYLE, LONGCASE CLOCK BY
 THOMAS BEST, LONDON.
 CIRCA 1785. (long case)

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA839927****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 224.8 cm (88.5")

Width = 48.3 cm (19.0")

Depth = 25.5 cm (10.0")

Description

This is a rare and exceptional clock in good, original condition. The substantial and unusually made, seven knopped pillar movement with Graham Dead-beat escapement, Harrison maintaining power and rack striking the hours on a rear mounted vertical bell. Also having tall and shouldered plates the rear of which bears the engraved maker's signature "THO(ma)s. BEST LONDON", strike/silent facility, double regulator style backcock and crutch rod with pin. The escapement, being mounted above the usual height, receives transference of power via a vertical arbor and two contrate wheels allowing the seconds dial to be situated within the dial arch. As you would expect, the wooden pendulum rod has a very heavy, brass faced, lenticular bob. Behind a 11 1/2" wide, break-arch brass and enamel dial. The brass dial-plate having two, circular white enamel dials, both with brass retaining bezels and the main dial having black Roman hour numerals, minute ring and outer, Arabic fives. The arch dial having black Arabic fives and an inner seconds ring. The blued steel hands are pierced and well executed with the seconds hand counterpoised. The S (strike) or N (not strike) selector is set bet...

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