



18th Century, France, Louis XVI Secretary Desk, Cuban Mahogany And Carrara Marble



2 300 EUR

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Mahogany

Width : 97 cm

Height : 144 cm

Depth : 39,5 cm

Description

Louis XVI period secrétaire à abattant in Cuban mahogany, detached columns, Carrara marble and brass gallery

Louis XVI period secrétaire à abattant, in solid mahogany and flame-figured Cuban mahogany veneer on an oak and pine carcass. The fall front opens to reveal a complete interior fitting -- eight drawers, three arched niches, pilasters inlaid with brass stringing and panels -- to which is added a secret compartment concealed beneath the central drawer; all the locks are original and each retains its key. The green leather of the writing surface, gilt-tooled and centred with a fleuron, has mellowed to the muted olive of antique linings. At thirty-nine centimetres deep, the piece sits readily in a pier between two windows, serving equally as an occasional desk in a drawing room

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or library and as a storage piece in a bedroom.

Secrétaire à abattant, known as a secrétaire droit, Louis XVI period, in solid mahogany and flame-figured Cuban mahogany veneer on an oak and pine carcase. Opening by one drawer to the upper section, a fall front to the centre and two doors below concealing a mahogany-fronted drawer.

The fall front, secured by a lock with a central bolt and two side bolts, lined above with its original gilt-tooled green leather, opening to an interior fitting of eight drawers -- one with a double front simulating two drawers -- and three arched niches, divided by pilasters inlaid with brass stringing and panels. Secret compartment set beneath the central drawer.

Surmounted by a white Carrara marble top, girdled by a pierced brass gallery with breakfront returns. Uprights in fluted columns dressed with brass reeding and ringed with brass collars. Front and side panels framed with brass quarter-round mouldings. Resting on four turned toupie feet mounted with bronze collars.

All locks original, each retaining its key; those to the front with trefoil escutcheons.

The piece has been fully checked by a cabinetmaker and treated against wood-boring insects, ready to be installed.

Condition: fine presentation condition. Splits to the veneer on the central panel and on the door panels. Two brass inlays lacking from the fluting of the rear uprights, a few brass inlays that may warrant localised attention, one handle lacking from a drawer of the interior fitting. These marks arise from the natural ageing of antique veneer and do not disturb the reading of the whole. They call for no prior intervention, any restoration remaining at the purchaser's discretion.

Measurements: o Width: 97 cm o Depth: 39.4 cm

Height: 144 cm Careful shipping, insured and

tracked: o Dispatch by specialist furniture carrier

within France, EUR250 to EUR450 depending on

postcode o The piece may be viewed in Lyon o

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