AN EXCEPTIONAL, GEORGE I, BURR WALNUT & FEATHER BANDED, DOUBLE-DOMED BUREAU BOOKCASE WITH ORIGINAL BEVELLED MIRROR PLATES, GILDED FINIALS, FROM THE COLLECTION OF RONALD LEE -

£54,000

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Height: 237 cm (93.3")

Width: 102 cm (40.2")

Depth: 61 cm (24")

Description

The double dome cornice was a complex and admired Baroque form used in the finest cabinet pieces
This is an exceptional early-18th century, cabinet piece, incorporating the most elaborate and expensive features found in the best pieces from this era. The gilded finials, double dome, bevelled mirror plates, candle slides, finely figured burr walnut veneers, double feather banding, brassware engraved with flowers and foliage, secret drawers, drawers fitted in the frieze.
This model in three sections is rare, and it is more practical and aesthetically pleasing to have the two drawers fitted into what is more commonly a plain frieze below the bureau section.
PROVENANCE : Private Collection. Ronald Lee Collection. I acquired this piece the daughter of Ronald Lee 20 years ago and it has been in a private collection since then. It has come back into my hands due to family bereavement.
The original, arched, bevelled mirror plates were elite items due to their expense and highly desirable for their reflective quality. - The burr veneers are book-matched throughout to create a striking, finely figured, decorative effect.
The central pigeon hole section is removeable and reveals secret drawers behind the small drawers with shelves above.
This bureau bookcase is in exceptional condition retaining original, finials, mirror plates, brassware and bracket feet. It also retains its original rich colour and lustrous patina.

Height from top of finial to floor 237cm., 93.30"., 7ft 10"
Height from top of dome to floor 223cm., 87.80"
Height of bookcase section 127cm., 50"
Height of bureau section 41cm., 16.14"
Height of chest section 67cm., 26.38"
Length 102cm., 40.16"
Depth of Bookcase 39cm., 15.36", Bureau & Chest 61cm., 24"

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