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James II ebony basket top bracket clock by *Charles Gretton, London* - ref 1930

A superb James II brass mounted, quarter repeating ebony basket top bracket clock by *Charles Gretton, London*. The pierced repousse basket surmounted by a handle of twin addorsed dolphins over swags of fruit and flowers within a rope twist border, with adjacent vase style finials, over a simple moulded cornice, rectangular glazed side panels and a matching lower moulding, raised on brass bun feet.

The six pillar movement, finned and knopped, all latched to the front plate, with a single fusee movement with pull repeat striking two bells on the hour and the quarter hour. The 6.75 inch square brass dial with winged cherubs head spandrels enclosing a silvered Roman and Arabic chapter ring with trident half hour marks and star shaped half quarter marks, with a finely matted centre and blued steel hands. The backplate with a single line border enclosing a pattern of flowers surrounding the copperplate signature signed "*Charles Gretton in Fleete Streete*" in a reserve of foliate scrolls. A very fine clock by an eminent maker.



Provenance: Private collection London.

Price: £29,950

Origin & Age: English, James II, circa 1685. "*Charles Gretton*" is listed by Baillie's Clockmakers of the world as a very fine maker, free of the clockmakers company in 1672 and master from 1700 – 1733.

Dimensions: 9½" wide, 6¼" deep (at base), 13" high (handle down), 24cm wide, 16cm deep, 33cm high.

Restorations: The movement has been fully overhauled and serviced, with restored verge escapement, minor restorations to the case, waxing.

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