

### GEORGE II RED LACQUER BRACKET CLOCK BY ROBERT WARD, LONDON - REF 2250



A superb George II red lacquer bracket clock by a very good London maker - Robert Ward. The inverted bell top case profusely and subtly decorated in the Chinese style, depicting scenes to the front and back of the top with further floral and trellis work to the whole case. The front and back of the case with broken arch shaped doors incorporating gold leaf fretwork sounding quadrants to the top and canted leafed blind fret sides. The lower apron is beautifully scalloped, the clock is surmounted with a brass carry handle and acorn finials and stands on prominent rococo gilt brass feet.

The five pillar, twin fusee movement, striking the hours on a bell, with pull repeat. The broken arch shaped brass dial with leaf and flower spandrels enclosing a silvered Roman and Arabic chapter ring. The finely matted centre, with twin winding holes, applied makers cartouche "Robert Ward, London" and date aperture, just above the "VI" position. To the broken arch a strike/not-strike selector. The back plate with a single line border enclosing a profusely engraved pattern of flowers and foliate scrolls. A wonderful timepiece with numerous qualities - fine original decoration, excellent original movement and compact dimensions.

**PRICE: £25,900**



**Provenance:** Private collection Northern Spain, the property of the same family since the early 20th century.

**Origin & Age:** English, George II, circa 1750. Robert Ward was both a clockmaker and goldsmith working in London between 1751 and 1775.

**Dimensions:** 11¾" wide, 9" deep, 17¾" high; 30cm wide, 23cm deep; 45cm high.

**Restorations:** The movement has been fully overhauled. Cleaning and minor refreshing of the case lacquer work.

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