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GEORGE III CHIPPENDALE PERIOD YEW & PADOUK BANDED SECRETAIRE CABINET - REF 2473

A superb George III Chippendale period yew and padouk banded secretaire cabinet. The top with intricate pierced trelliswork and fretwork cornice styled in the Chinese taste, surmounted with urns and delightfully detailed feather covered acorns, over a dentil moulded cornice with a blind fret frieze just below. The main part of the cabinet consisting of a pair of glazed doors, cross banded in padouk, with highly detailed carved spiked arched gothic mullions surmounted with Prince of Wales feathers. The doors open to reveal a silk lined interior with adjustable glass shelves.

The lower part of the cabinet consisting of a secretaire drawer with fitted interior and green baize covered writing slope, the top edge of the base banded in padouk and supported on square section tapering legs, with pierced fretwork ears standing on block feet. An immensely impressive piece of furniture, beautifully made, with intricate detailing throughout with wonderful colour and patina.

The style and design of the pediment and glazing astragals closely match those of pieces illustrated in "The Gentleman & Cabinet Maker's Director" and Christopher Gilbert's "Life and work of Thomas Chippendale". Intricate carving and exquisite detailing are highly prominent on this piece, the use of yew veneer rather than mahogany is highly unusual.



PRICE £18,900

Provenance: Private collection California USA. Believed to have been acquired from London trade approximately 30 years ago.

Origin & Age: English, George III, circa 1770.

Dimensions: 37¼" wide, 72¾" high, 22¾" deep; 95cm wide, 185cm high, 58cm deep.

Minor old restorations waxing. Cornice and brackets apparently original. Later silk lining to interior of cabinet.

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