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GEORGE III BONE INLAID MAHOGANY CELLARET - REF 2479



An exceptionally rare if not unique, bone inlaid mahogany cellaret, retaining wonderful original colour and patina and of exceptional exhibition quality throughout. The rectangular stepped raised hinged top inlaid with bone and also with a border of bone inlay formed in a circular interlaced pattern design, opening to reveal storage for 24 wine bottles. The front inlaid with bone swags and roundels, the corners with a brick like rusticated quoins, with a fluted lower edge. The cellaret is supported on square section tapering legs also with rusticated quoins standing on brass capped castors.

A quoin, in Western architecture, is both the external angle or corner stones of a building. These cornerstones are both decorative and structural, since they usually differ in jointing, colour, texture, or size from the masonry of the adjoining walls. Most frequently quoins are toothed, set in a regular pattern of alternating lengths. Such toothed construction was used at external corners of brick or stone buildings in ancient Rome. This piece draws heavily from that architecture and reflects superbly the intricate quality bestowed by its cabinet maker.

PRICE £19,900

Provenance: Private collection UK. With Ronald Phillips Ltd, Bruton St, London.

Origin & Age: English, George III, circa 1780

Dimensions: 28¼" wide, 32" high, 19" deep; 72cm wide, 81cm high, 48cm deep.

Restorations: Possible minor old restorations, waxing. Bone inlay certified by the Natural History Museum.

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