

# MACKINNON

## FINE FURNITURE

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### **A GEORGE I RED JAPPANED BUREAU CABINET**

**England, *circa* 1725**

**A magnificent George I red japanned bureau cabinet**

A superb George I red japanned and gilt chinoiserie decorated secretaire cabinet. The upper section with a broken arched cornice flanking the original silvered flame finial above two doors with bevelled mirror plates and candle slides. The interior of the upper section opening to reveal decoration to the reverses of the doors and with a central arched door, flanked by gilded pilasters and folio divides, and opening to reveal a compartment with shelving, all above a series of pigeon-holes and small drawers below. The lower section with a decorated fall above an arrangement of two short and two long graduated drawers. The bookcase standing on bun feet. The interior of the bureau section with a central arched door flanked by pilasters, with further pigeon-holes and drawer and a silk velvet lined writing surface.

A wonderful example of the eighteenth century English obsession with the Orient and chinoiserie decoration. Although English in form, and a very good example of the interesting interiors these bookcases can have, the decoration is entirely oriental in inspiration. The bookcase retains its original finial and handles.

Height: 7' 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" in (242 cm)  
Width: 3' 5" in (104 cm)  
Depth: 1' 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" in (57 cm)

**Stock Number**

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