

Hook and Spike Lantern Wall clock – Ralph Gout, London



A fine example of an arched dial hook-and-spike lantern clock by a good London maker, dating from c.1800. This is a very decorative piece, having a well-proportioned dial with finely cast spandrels. The iron posted frame movement has a verge and crown wheel escapement with count wheel, striking the hours on the clear sonorous bell. It is driven by a single weight. The short pendulum has a brass bob.

The movement is fully encased with latched brass doors on each side, and hangs by a hooped iron loop. The clock is mounted with a posted bell with engraved leaf scroll frets.

The arched dial has a silvered boss in the arch signed for the maker, with crescent moon spandrels over a silvered chapter ring engraved with Roman numerals and a matted brass centre.

Original matching pair of steel hands.

Height of movement: 35cms

Width and depth: c. 20cms

Ralph Gout (circa 1770-1836)

Brian Loomes lists Ralph Gout in "Watchmakers and Clockmakers of the World" as a native of Switzerland. He was an important watch and clock maker in London. Bankrupt in 1796 when his stock included many watches for Spanish and Indian markets and pedometer watches. He made many clocks and watches for the Turkish market.

The clock is to be overhauled within our workshops, and guaranteed for 3 years. Included in the price is delivery within the mainland UK.