

Mahogany Longcase Clock by Alexander Cumming, London



A fine George III mahogany longcase clock by this eminent maker, dated c.1790.

A super quality clock, the case features some beautiful flame-figured mahogany veneers, especially to the trunk door and base. The hood has a shallow moulded broken-arch with cavetto cornice, over brass stop-fluted columns and foliate-pierced side frets. The panel-fronted plinth base is raised on a moulded double skirt.

The 8-day five pillar rack and bell striking movement has a deadbeat escapement.

The 12-inch silvered brass Roman numeral dial has a large subsidiary seconds dial and calendar aperture to the centre and Arabic five minutes to outer track. At the twelve o'clock position is a N/S strike/silent lever. The dial is signed *Alexander Cumming, LONDON* to the arch.

Original matching pierced steel hands.

Alexander Cumming was born in Edinburgh 1733 and initially worked as a clock and watchmaker in Inveraray. By 1763 he had moved to London and had been appointed as a member of the commission to adjudicate Harrison's marine timekeeper. In 1765 Cumming presented his celebrated barograph clock for King George III before completing his best-known work on horology *Elements of Clock and Watch Work Adapted to Practice* in 1766.

In 1781 he was made an Honourary Freeman of the Clockmakers Company. Alexander Cumming died in 1814 leaving his business to his nephew, John Grant.

Fully overhauled and guaranteed for 3 years.

Height: 195cm (77ins)

Price includes delivery within mainland UK.