



**A REGENCY PERIOD SECRETAIRE BOOKCASE,
ATTRIBUTED TO JOHN MCLEAN OF LONDON**

H: 70 in / 178 cm | W: 37 in / 94 cm | D: 20.5 in / 52 cm

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Constructed in a well figured gongolo alves, with extensive use of gilt brass accents. Rising from compressed ball brass feet, the lower section consists of two blind cupboard doors, which reveal a shelved interior, faced with horizontally layered lentil form trellis work, with flower head bosses, and backed with a green silk; these flanked by full turned and knurled gilt brass columns, with anthemions set at angles in the quadrants; above, the frieze contains a secretaire drawer, fitted with pigeon holes and drawers, and a tooled leather writing surface; a quite remarkable secret drawer is concealed in the left reserve, operated by a well hidden release catch; the whole frieze has a running stiff leaf banding, and brass rose backplates with acorn form pulls. The upper cabinet has two glazed doors with nine panel astragals, the interior shelved, and flanked by double ended tapering, knurled and engraved gilt brass half columns, and the domed pediment has a most distinctive sweeping gilt brass accent. Circa 1810.

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