

# BUTCHOFF

EXCELLENCE IN ANTIQUES

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## A VERY FINE KIDNEY DESK FIRMLY ATTRIBUTED TO GILLOWS

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H: 30 in / 76 cm | W: 52 in / 132 cm | D: 28 in / 70 cm

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Constructed in a well-figured walnut and noteworthy amboyna veneers, dressed with splendid bronze handles and escutcheons; of kidney form, an ogee shaped plinth, having an arrangement of nine drawers to the front, with everted pilasters separating the drawers in two banks secured by a 'Wellington' locking bar/cupboard arrangement, with a bookshelf flanked by cupboards to the reverse; the platform having an inset tooled leather, and an arcaded bronze gallery to the rear.

Circa 1850

### Literature:

The Gillows Archives, held in the City of Westminster Library, shows this unique desk design from the 1840's

onwards. Although the piece is unsigned, the construction and quality of the desk is typical of Gillows, due to the exceptional blending of materials and craftsmanship.

