A LOUIS XVI STYLE PAINTED SECRÉTAIRE
CABINET ATTRIBUTED TO SORMANI

Dimensions: H: 55 in / 139 cm | W: 32.5 in / 81.5 cm | D: 15 in / 37.5 cm

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A Louis XVI Style Secrétaire à abattant
Firmly attributed to Paul Sormani

Constructed from the finest plum-pludding mahogany, dressed with gilt bronze mounts and incorporating a floral painted panel, rising from tapering fluted legs joined by an undertier; the apron dressed with winged putti housing a single drawer; over, the rectangular secretaire of slight breakfront proportions having a lockable fall-front door dressed with ribbon-tied floral garlands and a fitted painted floral panel, opening to reveal a fitted shelved interior with four drawers; having a three-quarter bronze gallery above a panelled frieze incorporating a guilloche mount.
French, Circa 1870

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