



**A HANDSOME LATE GEORGIAN MAHOGANY
PEDESTAL DESK**

Dimensions: 30 in / 75.5 cm | W: 66 in / 168 cm | D: 38.5 in / 97.5 cm

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Noteworthy for its particularly fine [mahogany](#) timber contrasted to its sober design, the rectangular desk has a maroon leather lined working surface, supported on two pedestals raised on moulded plinths, each enclosing three graduated drawers with turned handles to one side and lockable shelved cupboards to the back, the frieze having a central drawer fitted with a Bramah lock flanked by two further drawers, the faux drawers to the other side of conforming arrangement.

English, circa 1825

San Domingo mahogany, a prized wood native to the Caribbean, has been highly sought after for centuries due to its durability, rich color, and ability to develop a beautiful patina over time. The wood was primarily sourced from the island of Hispaniola, now home to Haiti and the Dominican Republic. San Domingo mahogany became popular in English furniture making during the [Georgian](#) and Regency periods, from around 1720 to 1830. Its earliest recorded use in Europe dates back to

1584, when it was incorporated into the construction of the El Escorial palace near Madrid, commissioned by King Philip II.