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ENGLISH 19TH CENTURY CHINOISERIE PARTNER'S DESK WITH LEATHER TOP AND GILT DECOR



$37,500

This English desk dates to the 19th century and is executed in the Chinoiserie taste, featuring a black lacquered ground richly decorated with gilt and polychrome scenes inspired by East Asian landscapes, figures, and flora. The decoration is applied throughout the façade, drawers, and pedestal panels, creating a visually unified and highly decorative piece.

The rectangular top is fitted with an inset leather writing surface, framed by a gilt-decorated border, providing a practical and durable work area while reinforcing the desk's formal character. The desk is constructed in a pedestal form with banks of drawers to either side and a central kneehole, and the finished decoration on both sides indicates that it was designed as a partner's desk, intended to be used from either face within a room.

Each pedestal is fitted with drawers retaining their original pulls and locks, offering substantial storage. The gilt Chinoiserie panels on the pedestal fronts depict architectural and garden scenes, framed by stylized borders typical of English interpretations of Asian motifs during the 19th century. The overall proportions and depth give the desk a strong architectural presence suitable for a library, study, or office interior.

The knee opening measures approximately 24.75 inches wide by 26.5 inches high, allowing for comfortable seated use. With its combination of decorative surface, functional layout, and room-defining scale, this desk exemplifies the enduring appeal of 19th-century English Chinoiserie furniture.

Height: 33 in (83.82 cm)

Width: 66.25 in (168.28 cm)

Depth: 48 in (121.92 cm)

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