

James McCabe Domestic Regulator Longcase



A fine original early 19th Century mahogany cased domestic regulator longcase clock by James McCabe, Royal Exchange, London, numbered 3527.

The mahogany case has some fine flame veneers running from the very top of the trunk to the plinth base, all panels matched from the one piece of veneer - a sign of exceptional quality and originality. The hood is styled in the Egyptian manner with a stepped pyramid to the cresting and the whole inlaid with ebony stringings and ebonised mouldings. The arched top trunk door is flanked with reeded quarter pilasters with brass caps and bases. The base has a locking square door to the plinth - whilst certainly original, the reason for the base door is a mystery.

The original painted 12 inch dial has Roman numerals and a subsidiary seconds dial. It is signed James McCabe, Royal Exchange, London 3527, and has matching moon hands. The locking heavy cast brass bezel is fitted with convex glass. The back of the dial has copious repair marks dating back certainly from 1886, possibly earlier.

The finely engineered eight day movement runs on a very light weight, and has a deadbeat escapement with maintaining power, and heavy brass plates with massive turned pillars. The backplate is engraved James McCabe, Royal Exchange, London and is numbered 3527.

The substantial wood rod pendulum has a very heavy brass bob with silvered brass engraved regulating nut.

Brass-bound weight.

Height: 7 ft 9 inches

James McCabe were a family of high quality watchmakers who traded under that name from around 1760 to 1883. This James McCabe (Snr) was born in Lurgan, Ireland, and moved to

Belfast then to London in 1775. He was a member of the Clockmakers Company 1781 - 1811, til his death. He was succeeded by his sons James, Robert, Thomas, and the business continued until 1883.

To be overhauled and guaranteed for 3 years.

Price includes delivery within mainland UK.