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LOT 1155

A late 17th century red tortoiseshell veneered bracket clock, the eight day twin fusee movement with knife edge verge escapement striking on a single bell, the backplate finely engraved with tulips and other flowers framing foliate scrolls and signed 'John Cotsworth in Fleete Streete', the square brass dial with matt centre and date aperture, framed by a silvered chapter ring with black Roman hour numerals and outer Arabic minutes, cornered with cherub spandrels, the case with cushion-moulded top and brass handle above glazed doors and sides, on a rectangular plinth base and bracket feet, height 35.8cm (some repairs and faults to veneer). Note: John Cotsworth (sometimes Cossworth) is recorded as a London clockmaker, born in 1637, apprenticed to Jeremy Gregory and made free of the Clockmakers Company in 1669 to 1702. He died in 1732, described as '... aged near 100, formerly a watchmaker in Fleet Street and the oldest inhabitant of St. Dunstan's Parish'.

Estimate: £2,000 - £4,000

Condition Report

1155. The seatboard replaced with a later modern block of wood, but believe the movement to be original to the case. Case has numerous chips, splits, repairs and damage to the tortoiseshell veneer, all of which can be seen in the images on our website. A slither of inner dial mask missing to top section. Frets are modern replacement, hands also later replacements, handle and feet also later replacements. Back cock probably later and pendulum retaining hook is a modern replacement. Dial in good original condition with some light wear to silvering.

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