Object Code: Bureau Cabinet Quantity: 1.00 Cultural Association: Maker: Production Place: Cape

Description:

The writing bureau of amboyna, ebony and stinkwood and ivory with silver escutcheons is believed to have been part of the possessions of the retired Cape governor Hendrik Swellengrebel (1700-1760). Distinguished features include a unique small door in the bottom section of the of the cabinet and it's inlaid baroque decorations that is unlike anything known in surviving Cape furniture.

Provenance:

The bureau is believed to have remained in the Swellengrebel family for 7 generations and was purchased by Andrew Ovenstone in 2008