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An 18th century longcase clock with eight day movement striking on a gong, the 12-inch square brass dial with matt centre, silvered subsidiary seconds and date aperture, the silvered chapter ring inscribed 'Stephen Levitt Chelmsford No 90', cornered with pierced and cast gilt putti and crown spandrels, the later case with moulded pediment, glazed door and turned columns to hood above a rectangular trunk door, plain base and bracket feet, height 187cm, with pendulum and a pair of brass case weights (faults and alterations). Note: Stephen Levitt (1689-1782) was a Quaker clockmaker and is recorded working from Middle Row, Chelmsford in 1734.

Estimate: £150 - £250

Condition Report

1154. Mechanism: an early 18th century clock mechanism in an extremely filthy state. The mechanism appear to be complete but is so encrusted with dirt it is difficult to be certain. There is considerable wear and a full restoration will be required if it is to be returned to working order. Incorrect and damaged pendulum. Brass cased weights in poor condition, brass casing split and coming apart. The description in the catalogue is incorrect. It does not strike on a gong its strikes on a bell.

Dial: the dial has suffered some damage to the lower right hand corner, a small section has broken off. The dial spandrels are possible replacements or have recently been regilded The hands are non original and of poor quality. The pendulum is not the original and has a broken suspension spring. There are pair of reasonable quality antique brass cased weights.

Case: this clock is a marriage and the basic case is later and of simple design, not of any quality.