

Wristwatches and Pocket Watches / Thu, 22nd September 2022 / Lot 1061



LOT 1061

A George III silver pair cased key wind quarter repeating gentleman's pocket watch, possibly made for the Spanish market, with verge escapement, pierced and engraved balance cock and plunge repeat with hammer striking a bell to inner case, the gilt dust cover signed 'Higgs y + Evans London', the white enamelled convex dial with black Roman hour numerals and outer Arabic minutes and signed 'Hicks V Evans London', the case with pierced and engraved decoration to sides, the outer case plain, unmarked, outer case diameter 5.7cm. Note: the firm of Robert and Peter Higgs and James Evans are recorded London watchmakers working at 7 Sweetings Alley and later Royal Exchange between 1775 and 1832. Provenance: formerly the property of Tom Robinson, past chairman of the Antiquarian Horological Society and author of various horological books including 'The Longcase Clock'.

Estimate: £500 - £800

Condition Report

1061. Outer case - typical surface scratches and wear. Hinge in good order and closes tightly. Inner case - also in generally good condition with some minor dents to sides of case, typical wear and scratches. Dial with small hairline to the edge above the 12 o'clock. Also some typical surface scratches and wear. Bell screw only just holds it in place so bell is currently detached rather than it becoming loose. The watch winds smoothly but does not start ticking. The plunge repeat is working and strikes as it should.

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