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AN OFFICIALLY GOOD OPPORTUNITY ...

Appealing & Affordable Antique Desks, Chairs and Bookcases to Furnish An Office at Home or At Work or Both at Christie's South Kensington in July

The Bank of England Sale 21st July 2004

London – A broad selection of antique office furniture comprising desks, chairs, tables and bookcases that furnished the Bank of England over the 20th century will be sold at Christie's South Kensington on 21 July 2004.

Everything you could possibly wish to furnish a traditional office is included in the sale providing a wonderful opportunity for collectors. Over 350 elegant chairs will be offered dating from the Regency period through to the 20th Century from single examples to sets of eight (estimates: £100 to £3,000). Writing desks dating from the 19th century range from £500 to £3,000 offering a superb alternative to modern mass-produced examples. Side tables dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries (estimates: £200 to £1,000) and bookcases from George III period to early 20th century will also be included in the sale. In addition a selection of hatstands and table lamps will also be offered.

The furniture was all acquired over a long period of time during as the offices developed and grew. All the items are labelled with a Bank inventory number. A mid-19th century sofa table (estimate: £800 – 1,200) bears the label T. F. Mitchell & Son '*By appointment to the Bank of England*'.

The sale provides a broad opportunity to a new generation of office furnishers due to the rationalisation of building space at the Bank of England. Over a number of years the offices have

been refurbished and therefore much of the reproduction furniture has become surplus to requirements. Important pieces from the core collection at the Bank of England are being retained.

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