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Hague clock, signed Geerlof Visbagh Fecit Hagae

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Circa 1680

Holland

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Dial

The dial plate is covered with black velvet and has a skeletonised gilt-brass with Roman hour numerals and half-hour markers. The time is indicated by a single beautifully made pierced and engraved gilt-brass hand. The corners are embellished by chased and pierced gilt-brass spandrels depicting floral and leaf motifs. The winding hole is situated in the middle and has a nicely worked gilt-brass grommet.

Case

The ebony-veneered pine case is surmounted by a moulded broken-arch pediment, behind which the bell is situated. There is a turned vase-shaped wooden finial on a base in the gap of the arch. The front door is flanked by two half-round pillars with high bases and Doric capitals. There are framed rectangular windows on both sides, so that the movement is visible. The case rests on five ball feet, the fifth to prevent the clock from falling over when the door is opened and the clock is used as a table clock.

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