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We certify that the violin purchased from us by Robin Wedderburn Esq., 9 Priory Gardens, London SW13, is an old English instrument, in our judgement the work of Richard Duke (Senior) of London, c.1755-60.

Description

The back in two pieces of maple with narrow flames running horizontally; the sides and scroll of similar wood; the table in one piece of spruce with fine grains on the treble side broadening towards the bass; the varnish of an orange-brown colour.

This violin, influenced by the work of Stradivari, is a good and characteristic example of the maker's work. It measures 14" in length of body, with widths of 6-9/16" and 8-1/8" full.

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