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Instructions for packing an English long case clock for transport.

- 1 Allow clock to run down then remove weights.
- 2 Remove hood by sliding forward make sure latch is free if fitted place to one side.
- 3 Remove pendulum by sliding suspension back to clear potence then lower through crutch and place to one side.
- 4 Movement can then be removed from trunk together with seat board attached. The seat board may be screwed to the trunk stiles in which case these screws must be first removed. Once movement is removed replace screws in there place on stiles
- 5 There are now five components to be packed separately.

Weights- pendulum – dial/movement/seatboard – trunk – hood 6 The movement can be set into a tea chest size sturdy box. First set the set board on to two wooden rails in the manner that the stiles of the trunk supported the seat board. Coil the pulley cables up and tie off. Place paper between hands and dial to prevent hands from scratching dial. Gather all keys and winding crank place in bag and cable tie to seat board. Place vertically and centrally in box - place a plastic bag over the whole to prevent foreign matter from entering movement. Then place packing material around movement till box is full - close box and label, including "box must remain this way up.

- 7 The pendulum will require a flat wooden board to attach it to. 120 cm x 13 cm x 1.5 2cm. and a card board or plastic tube 2cm in diameter and some 20 cms long, (like electrical conduit) and lastly some cable ties. Place the pendulum centrally on board and drill holes in the board either side of the pendulum rod above and below bob, and about 20cms spacing up the pendulum rod. Once complete, wrap bob in tissue and place it on the board slide the tube over the suspension spring assembly, then secure all with cable ties. Wrap the pendulum and board complete.
- 8 Wrap the weights and secure/store in such a way that the mass does not damage other goods.
- 9 The hood and trunk can be prepare in a similar way to other fine furniture, however the glazing on the hood should be striped with masking tape and covered with a template that rests on the hood frame. The masking tape minimises vibration protecting the glass and the template protects it from physical damage.