

REGENCY ROSEWOOD LYRE END LIBRARY TABLE ATTB. GILLOWS - REF 2163



A superb Regency rosewood and brass mounted lyre end library table of compact proportions attributed to Gillows of Lancaster. The rectangular top with rosewood cross-banded perimeter, with re-entrant corners and an inset, beautifully aged, green leather top. The frieze with panelled sides, re-entrant corners and two drawers fitted with brass star knob handles and elaborate lock escutcheons, with opposing dummy drawers. The table has two end supports with scrolling, rosewood verticals united by a top stretcher, with six brass rods coming together forming the shape of a lyre, sitting on a lower stretcher with splayed feet and acanthus leaf capped castors. The lyre supports are joined by a curved, brass strung, rosewood low stretcher.

The lyre ends of this table are a typical feature of Gillows of Lancaster. A very closely related table in rosewood is illustrated in Susan Stuart's book, "Gillows of London and Lancaster, 1730-1840". The star handles are another Gillows feature. A table of identical form with these handles can be found in the library at Shugborough Hall, Staffordshire, illustrated in Country Life, 2 September 1971, p.547. Shugborough was remodelled at the beginning of the nineteenth century by the architect Samuel Wyatt, and the Shugborough table has been traditionally been attributed to Gillows on the grounds of their close ties to the Wyatt architectural dynasty.

PRICE: £18,900

Provenance: Private collection London.

Origin & Age: English, Regency, George III, circa 1810

Dimensions: 42" wide, 27½" deep, 29½" high; 107cm wide, 70cm deep; 75cm high.

Restorations: Minor restorations, waxing. The leather top, probably replaced some 30-40 years ago.

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