

REGENCY MAHOGANY X-FRAME STOOL ATTRIBUTED TO GILLOWS - REF 2194



A fine Regency mahogany X-frame stool attributed to Gillows of Lancaster. The rectangular caned seat, with serpentine shaped and moulded rails, terminating in a paper scroll to each side, supported by scrolling x-frame legs, united by a turned stretcher, terminating in ball feet. Of particular note is the flowing intricate design and superb quality execution of the piece. The stool bears a pencil inscription 'Fitzherbert'.

This 'Grecian' stool corresponds to examples supplied in 1812 by Gillows for Wilbraham Egerton at Tatton Park, Cheshire. Further stools of this model were supplied to William, 2nd Baron Bolton (1782-1850) for Hackwood Park, Hampshire and an almost identical stool supplied to William, 4th Earl Fitzwilliam (d. 1833), Wentworth Woodhouse. It is probable that this stool may have been part of a commission for the influential diplomat, Alleyne Fitzherbert, 1st Baron St. Helens (d. 1839) of Tissington Hall, Derbyshire and Grafton Street, London. A group of Gillows furniture associated with the inscription 'FitzHerbert' was identified in 2009, this was made by Gillows in two batches, circa 1810-15 and another some 10-15 years later. This stool stylistically would have been produced in the first batch of this furniture.

PRICE: £10,900

Provenance: Private collection New York, bought from Jeremy Ltd, London. Probably supplied to Alleyne Fitzherbert, 1st Baron St. Helens (d. 1839) of Tissington Hall, Derbyshire and Grafton Street, London.

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

Dimensions: 21½" wide, 17" high, 16" deep; 55cm wide, 43cm high, 41cm deep.

Restorations: Possible minor restorations, waxing.

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