

A PAIR OF GEORGE III GILTWOOD CONSOLE TABLES ATTRIBUTED TO JOHN LINNELL - REF 2225



A superb pair of diminutive George III carved giltwood console tables, attributed to highly regarded 18th century cabinet maker John Linnell. Each table has a D-shaped marble top above a conforming frieze carved with drapery swags within beaded borders raised on S-scolled square tapering legs carved with acanthus leaves ending in pendant husks and joined by concave beaded stretchers and ending in stiff leaf carved scrolled feet.

These pier tables with their elongated S-curved supports and drapery swag friezes are very similar to a suite of furniture ordered by James Beal Bonnell circa 1775 for Upton House, Essex, which he inherited from his father in 1774 as well as a number of other properties. Bonnell stayed at Upton until 1788, moving the family to Pelling Place, Old Windsor, Berkshire. It is likely that Bonnell ordered the suite upon gaining his inheritance probably to redecorate some of the rooms at Upton. The form of these tables also relate to a work table in the dressing room at Osterley Park, London, having the same frieze and identical legs. A number of firms are recorded as working at Osterley including the Linnells, Georg Haupt as well as the firm of Ravald & Morland. These tables closely follow the design of other examples known to be made by Linnell.

PRICE: £25,900

Provenance: The collection of the late Dr. and Mrs. Jules C. Stein, New York.

Origin & Age: English, George III, circa 1770

Dimensions: 24" wide, 11½" deep, 32¼" high; 61cm wide, 29cm deep, 82cm high.

Restorations: Minor restorations, the tables have been sympathetically re-gilded. Later marble tops.

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