

REGENCY ROSEWOOD METAMORPHIC SOFA TABLE ATTRIBUTED TO GILLOWS - REF 2259



A rare George III rosewood and satinwood banded metamorphic sofa/games table attributed to Gillows of Lancaster. The top of rounded rectangular form with a satinwood cross banded circumference contained within ebony stringing, also with secondary inset box stringing. The centre with a slide out reversible section which when turned over offers a chess or draughts board with peg counters and when removed a felt lined backgammon board. At each end a retractable flap. Below a central drawer with opposing dummy flanked by a pair of smaller drawers, strung with box, oak lined and fitted with brass knob handles. The table is stands on a pair of ring turned tapering supports to each end, united by a turned stretcher and standing on scalloped shaped legs terminating in brass castors.

This piece relates closely to known examples from the workshops of Gillows of Lancaster and illustrated examples in Susan Stuart's book "Gillows of Lancaster and London 1730-1840". This table of metamorphic form was made for extreme flexibility of use in the early 19th century drawing room. Gillows of Lancaster were one of the most celebrated of all English furniture makers. They were established in the early 18th century, pieces made by Gillows are of the highest quality, desirable and extremely sought after.

PRICE: £15,900

Provenance: Private residence UK.

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

Dimensions: 58" wide (flaps up), 28" high, 25¾" deep; 147cm wide, 71cm high, 65cm deep.

Restorations: Minor restorations, waxing. The felt lined backgammon surface possibly original.

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