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A PAIR OF GAINSBOROUGH LIBRARY ARMCHAIRS TAKEN FROM A DESIGN BY THOMAS CHIPPENDALE

H: 40 in / 101 cm | W: 27 in / 69 cm | D: 25 in / 64 cm

These armchairs draw on plates XIX & XX from The Chippendale Director. Constructed in mahogany, rising from cabriole legs terminating in carved scrolled feet, with pad footed cabriole legs to the rear; the scrolled and knuckle carved swept arms, padded elbow rests, conjoin bow fronted seats and outswept domed top backs.

Circa 1840

Literature:

Thomas Chippendale the Elder (1718-1779)

Yorkshire born, a highly skilled cabinet maker and designer, published in 1754 his 'Gentleman & Cabinet Maker's Director', a volume of instantly recognisable and idiosyncratic designs, that was reprinted time and again, serving as an essential manual for cabinet makers the length and breadth of England. Working from 60-62 St Martins Lane, London his output is regarded as the ne plus ultra of 18th century English cabinet making. His company

furnished inter alia, Harewood House and Nostell Priory.

