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A WILLIAM IV PERIOD OCCASIONAL TABLE

Dimensions: H: 30 in / 76 cm | Dia: 22 in / 56 cm

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A William IV Period Occasional Table
With Grand Tour Specimen Marble Top

Constructed from rosewood, the table supported on a tripartite base; the feet of a very unusual carved scallop shell motif with hidden castors, the tapering column support with egg-and-dart collar and acanthus leaves detail supporting the circular top housing an Italian specimen marble top, its central roundel depicting the famous Doves of Pliny, surrounded by a band of lozenge and oval shaped marble cartouches, the outer reserve of Portor marble.

English and Italian, circa 1835

Literature:

Known as the Capitoline Doves or The Doves of Pliny, this group of birds was frequently depicted in micromosaic and precious stone during the 19th century. The image derives from a Roman floor mosaic that was discovered in 1737 at Hadrian's Villa in Tivoli, and is believed to be a copy of a lost ancient Greek mosaic at Pergamon which was famously described by Pliny the Elder.