

A RARE AND EXCEPTIONAL PAIR OF CONSOLE TABLES BY BLAKE OF LONDON

Dimensions: H: 38 in / 96 cm | W: 45 in / 115 cm | D: 13.5 in / 34 cm

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A previously unrecorded pair, these tables are an important discovery and contribute to the fascinating history of one of England's top cabinetmakers. Tastefully dressed with ormolu mounts and veneered in amboyna, crossbanded with tulipwood and goncalo alves; the tables designed in the so-called 'goût anglais' supported on four tapering legs with foliate cast sabots and ormolu ribbontied floral garlands of gilt bronze; with two serpentine lower tiers and brass guard bands; the apron also of serpentine breakfront outline set with three reserves of symmetrical bronze reliefs centred around a flower set within a lozenge; the top with bookmatched amboyna and crossbandings; each tier with a brass pierced gallery to the rear. The back of some mounts incised "Blake." English, circa 1845

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Literature:

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The Blake Family of London Cabinetmakers

The Dictionary of English Furniture published by the Furniture History Society, published 1986, lists Robert Blake at 8 Stephen Street, Tottenham Court Road in 1820. By 1843 the premises housed he and his four sons, Charles (b1814), Henry, George and James. By 1860, only Charles was at the address, until his death in 1879.