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PAIR OF GILTWOOD CARVED TORCHÈRES

Dimensions: H: 90 in / 228.5 cm | Dia: 20 in / 50.5 cm

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A Pair of Giltwood Carved Torchères

After the Design by Jean Pelletier
for the King's State Apartments

Supported on incurved tripartite plinths, the pair of torchères hand-carved in the French style, with three scrolled legs and a triangular tapering shaft adorned with descending husks, the circular gadrooned tops on a spreading acanthus leaf neck support. Together with their striking crystal and ormolu five-light girandoles.

English, circa 1890

Designed by Jean Pelletier (fl. c.1681-d.1705), a French émigré who worked for the English royal family, in the Louis XIV 'Roman' fashion popularised by Daniel Marot in the late 17th century.

The candle-stands can still be admired in Hampton Court Palace today, in King William III's State Apartments. Pelletier's important commission for the palace also included tables and mirrors, at the



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great cost of nearly £600, roughly equivalent to over two million dollars today.