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**A FINE PAIR OF REGENCY PERIOD ROSEWOOD
ÉTAGÈRES**

Dimensions: H: 31 in / 79 cm | W: 17.5 in / 44 cm | D: 15.5 in / 39 cm

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Of elegant proportions, with carved tapering and ring-turned rosewood supports, standing on brass castors, each of the three shelves with a handsome grained rosewood; the top with a pierced brass gallery.

English, circa 1815

Literature:

During the early 19th century, Rio rosewood was a highly prized exotic wood of high density and beautiful colour, with its dark swirls and figuring. It wasn't until 1808 that direct trade from (Portuguese) Brazil with England facilitated the import of Rosewood, and the Regency fashion for rosewood furniture really took off. After mahogany, it was the most widely used tropical wood in British cabinetmaking, despite costing nearly twice as much to import compared to the former (in 1819).