



**A REGENCY FREE-STANDING ARCHITECT'S
TABLE ATTRIBUTED TO GILLOWS**

Dimensions: H: 35.5 in / 90 cm | W: 40 in / 102 cm | D: 25.5 in / 65 cm

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Constructed from mahogany, the free-standing writing table supported on four elegant turned, reeded and tapering legs with brass castors, all sides finished with panelled corners, the mahogany top fitted with a single ratchet tilting mechanism and a book rest, a pair of faux-drawers with turned handles and Bramah lock concealing a secretaire fall-front writing surface with tilting mechanism, the writing surface sliding back to reveal six hinged compartments, with two secret compartments hidden behind.

English, circa 1815

The present table can be attributed to the Gillow workshops with reasonable certainty. Several documented Gillows pieces incorporate a secretaire drawer of identical design, as seen on the desk supplied in 1778 and now at Constable Burton. Tables with this drawer arrangement were called 'of

new construction' by Gillows, and, as it was Richard Gillow's own invention, he prevented any other craftsmen of copying the plans for its construction. An almost identical table was made by Gillow, supplied to Sir John Shaw Stewart in 1801.