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François-Christophe-Armand
Toussaint (1806-1862) A large
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century gilt and patinated
bronze figural torchères

Price

GBP 85,000

| USD \$115,022 | EUR 99,459

Item Reference: SA1033007

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 217 cm (85.4")

Width = 36 cm (14.2")

Depth = 36 cm (14.2")

Description

François-Christophe-Armand Toussaint (1806-1862) A large pair of French mid-19th century gilt and patinated bronze figural torchères: Esclave Indien and Esclave Indienne cast by F. Barbedienne (before 1869) from models by Toussaint dated 1850 the male and female figures each holding aloft glass flame shades, on panelled chamfered rectangular black marble plinths, the bronze pedestals of cylindrical baluster form with acanthus leaf collars and four engaged foliate scroll corbel supports with fluted ornament, on circular socles cast in the form of ribbon-bound laurel garlands, each signed A.Toussaint 1850 and Fondateur F.Barbedienne, 36cm wide, 36cm deep, 217cm high (14in wide, 14in deep, 85in high). the figures 112cm high (44in high) Armand Toussaint first exhibited a plaster model at the 1847 Salon in Paris entitled "Un esclave indien portant une torche" along with its female pendant. The models were cast in bronze three years later, commissioned by the French Ministre de l'intérieur, and after being exhibited at the 1850-1851 Paris Salon (exh. no 3599) they were placed in the Ministry's bureau in the Palais de l'Elysée. These models described as "Les deux indiens (esclav..."

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