

SA654828

Late Regency Gillows Goncalo Alves Kidney Shaped Writing Table

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA654828****Date of manufacture: Regency**

Dimensions

Height = 73.5 cm (28.9")

Width = 113 cm (44.5")

Depth = 52 cm (20.5")

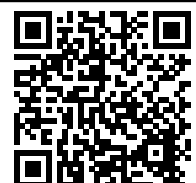
Description

A Rare late Regency / George IV Gonçalo Alves Kidney Shaped Fitted Writing Table firmly attributed to Gillows. English Circa 1825-30. Of extremely fine quality the kidney shaped top, made from gonçalo alves, with an inset gilt tooled leather writing surface and gadrooned edge, sits over plain frieze with a bead and reel moulding, concealing a fitted Bramah lock drawer with a ratcheted leather lined writing surface and the original inkwell retaining its gonçalo alves lid. Raised on exceptionally well turned and carved acanthus baluster supports on downswept legs having C scrolls and reptilian (or lizard like) claw and ball feet with hidden brass castors. Gonçalo alves also referred to as 'Albura wood' or 'Zebra wood' was almost exclusively used by Gillows in this period as they were the main importers of this wood, it was noted that it was 40% more expensive than mahogany and was of fashion in the early to mid 19th century. This table relates to a pair of gonçalo alves card tables which can be seen illustrated in S. Stuart, Gillows of Lancaster and London 1730-1840, plate 267. These tables stamped 'GILLOWS OF LANCASTER', having not quite a finely carved base, where th...

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