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**A FINE PAIR OF GEORGE III GILTWOOD MARBLE TOP D-SHAPED PIER
TABLES
CIRCA 1775**

The underside of one cross support and the corresponding marble top marked *ENGLAND* and numbered 38725 and numbered #3730; the other similarly stamped *ENGLAND* and numbered 38725 to underside and penciled *West* to top edge of apron.

PROVENANCE:

Acquired from the dealer Cecil Partridge by French & Company of New York, March 3, 1932, for the sum of \$600.00, stock number 38725 (See: French & Company archives, accession number 840027, The Getty Research Institute, Box 45, folder 1).

Sold by French & Company to Henry L. Moses, March 12, 1934
Sold, Sotheby's, New York, *Property from the Estate of Mrs. Lucy Goldschmidt Moses*, October 19, 1991, lot 277

The profiles of these tables, which are enriched by their finely detailed carved ornament, clearly illustrate the neo-classical form and decoration as practiced by the architect Robert Adam and his contemporaries in the 1770s. Below the marble tops, the leaf tip moldings project above a plain burnished frieze applied with foliate scrolls with flower-head terminals which are related to a drawing for a pier mirror for Luton Park, Bedfordshire, illustrated in *The Works in Architecture of Robert and James Adam*, 1822, the engraving dated 1772, and the pendant leaf collars at the top of the fluted legs may be compared with those on a pair of pier tables supplied to Appuldurcombe, Isle of Wight, by Thomas Chippendale, c. 1776-8 (See: Christopher Gilbert, *The Life and Work of Thomas Chippendale*, 1978, p. 273, fig. 499).

The oval tablets, carved in low relief with neo-classical urns with ram's-head handles centering the apron, also illustrate a not-uncommon decorative element of this period found, not only on pier tables, but also mirrors and mantelpieces.

Cf. a related suite of tables, including a pier table and two corner tables, Sotheby & Co., London, *The Ionides Collections*, part I, May 31, 1963, lot 187.

Measurements:

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| Height: | 33.5 in | 85 cm |
| Width: | 4' 4 in | 132 cm |
| Depth: | 22.25 in | 56.5 cm |