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MONTACUTE: A GEORGE II WALNUT SIDE TABLE

England, *circa* 1740-1750

Montacute House is a magnificent Grade 1 listed late Elizabethan house in Somerset, England. In the English Renaissance style, and one of the few prodigy houses to remain basically unaltered since the Elizabethan period, it was built around 1598 by Sir Edwards Phelps, Speaker of the House and Master of the Rolls to King James I and the prosecutor during the trial of the Gunpowder Plotters. The Phelps family descendants occupied the house until the early 20th century. In 1931, it was acquired by the National Trust. Of exceptional architectural interest throughout, the Long Gallery on the top floor spans the full width of the building - the longest surviving long gallery in England.

From Montacute House, Somerset

A rare George II period walnut side table. Impressively carved in the centre of the moulded deep frieze with a superbly detailed animated lion's mask in high relief, on bold carved cabriole legs carved with acanthus leaf detailing to the knees and scrolled ears, the legs terminating in wonderful lion's paw feet.

With a finely figured antique alabaster top.

Superb colour and patina to the walnut.

Literature:

Illustrated: *Burlington Magazine*, November 1929, p. xx (Christie's Advertisement)

Illustrated: *Country Life*, 9 November 1929, p. xlii (Christie's Advertisement)

Height: 2' 9⁷/₁₆" in (86 cm)
Width: 3' 9¹/₁₆" in (115 cm)
Depth: 1' 10⁷/₁₆" in (58 cm)

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