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THE LONGFORD CASTLE PEDESTALS

England, 1740
SOLD

From the collections of the Earls of Radnor, Longford Castle

Attributed to Benjamin Goodison

An outstanding and highly important pair of George II carved giltwood and gilt-gesso pedestals attributed to Benjamin Goodison made for Longford Castle, Wiltshire. Each square top with a gilt-gesso carved foliate spray and cartouche border above a swag-draped oak leaf frieze, the tapering pedestals with sanded panels mounted with ribbon-tied fruit and flower sprays, the sides with C-scrolls and acanthus, and standing on plinth bases.

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Height: 4' 5 1/2" in (136 cm)
Width: 1' 1" in (33 cm)
Depth: 1' 1" in (33 cm)

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