



THE DUKE OF MANCHESTER - KIMBOLTON CASTLE

England, circa 1710 - 1715

These magnificent chairs come from a suite of furniture commissioned by Charles Montagu (1662 - 1722), 1st Duke of Manchester, for Kimbolton Castle, Huntingdonshire (now Cambridgeshire), his country estate. Two chairs from the suite appear in an illustration of "The Saloon" of Kimbolton Castle in a 1911 issue of *Country Life* - a photograph in a successive issue shows two chairs on either side of the door to "The Red Drawing Room".

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From the collections of the Dukes of Manchester, Kimbolton Castle

An exceptional and highly important pair of Queen Anne upholstered high back giltwood side chairs.

Literature:

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Height: 4' 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " in (134 cm)
Width: 1' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in (56.5 cm)
Depth: 2' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in (70 cm)

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