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ST. GILES, DORSET

England, *circa* 1780

From a larger suite of seat furniture that included at least ten open armchairs and two sofas, these window benches formed part of the magnificent collection of English 18th century furniture at St. Giles, Dorset, the ancestral home of the Ashley-Cooper family, the Earls of Shaftesbury. Constructed in 1651, the house is Grade I listed and is renowned for the superlative furnishings that were commissioned for it during the 18th century but sadly now mostly dispersed. The house lay empty and all but abandoned for many years, but has in recent years has undergone a wonderful award-winning restoration with the family now living there once again.

From the collections of the Earls of Shaftesbury, St Giles Dorset

An exceptional and important pair of late 18th century George III period window benches. In the neoclassical taste, of impressive scale, and with an elegant serpentine outline, the moulded scrolling sides above a fluted and leaf-carved front seat rail, on fluted bulbous tapering legs. Decorated with refined parcel gilt detailing on an off-white ground.

Height: 26.97 in (68.5 cm)

Width: 58.27 in (148 cm)

Depth: 24.21 in (61.5 cm)

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