



Five Centuries: Furniture, Paintings & Works of Art from 1600 (580)

20th November 2019, Edinburgh

Viewing Times:

Sat 16 November 12pm - 4pm

Sun 17 November 12pm - 4pm

Mon 18 November 10am - 5pm

Tues 19 November 10am - 5pm

Morning of the sale from 9am

Lot 168

Estimate: £3000 - £5000 +Fees

RARE PARQUETRY, MOTHER-OF-PEARL AND BRASS INLAID OCCASIONAL TABLE, PROBABLY OTTOMAN FOR THE BRITISH MARKET LATE 18TH CENTURY

the dished circular top with radiating star inlay, on a spiral turned column and three cabriole legs with scrolled feet

77cm diameter, 71cm high

Provenance: The estate of the late 5th Earl of Lovelace

Note: The inlay on this very British form of tripod table is highly unusual and may have been a specific commission. The use of star and crescent mother-of-pearl inlay hints at a possible Ottoman origin or involvement, perhaps Istanbul. The wire inlay is reminiscent of similar work on Ottoman firearms.

William King, 1st Earl of Lovelace, was secretary to Lord Nugent, commissioner of the Ionian Islands, prior to 1833. Whilst there, he travelled extensively, meeting Mehemet Ali, Pasha of Egypt. He may have picked this piece up during his time in the region.