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A fine George III period carved mahogany sofa

English, circa 1760

DESCRIPTION

The double serpentine back rail flanked by outscrolling arms upholstered with loose cushions in silk damask; the mahogany show-wood rail with triple serpentine frieze carved with c-scrolls and acanthus; the four front cabriole legs headed by acanthus and terminating in foliate cabochons.

Height: 39 in (99cm)
Width: 97 in (246cm)
Depth: 39 ½ in (100cm)

This finely carved sofa has identical carving to a pair of mahogany side chairs supplied to Charles Powlett, the 5th Duke of Bolton (1718-1765), and which were probably made for his London House in Grosvenor Square. This sofa may be the companion to them as the 1905 Hamptons and Sons inventory for the Saloon states: 'The finely carved mahogany Old English suite with shaped seats and backs on cabriole legs and upholstered in crimson cretonne'. It is undoubtedly by the same maker.