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A Regency Period Painted Window Seat

REF1015

English, circa 1830

Width: 69 ½ in (176.5cm)

Depth: 17 in (43 cm)

Height: 17 ½ in (44.5 cm)

£ 7500

DESCRIPTION

The framed rails painted in white and highlighted in blue, with caned top and squabs upholstered with silk ikat fabric over turned legs joined by original stretchers with original white painted decoration highlighted in blue.

Stamped JAS Shoolbred and co, numbered 6502

James Shoolbred and Company was a draper and later a department store, located on Tottenham Court Road, London.

James Shoolbred and Co. (aka Jas Shoolbred) were established in the late 1820's at 155 Tottenham Court Road. It was originally a drapers supplying the furniture trade. In the late 1860s/early 1870s the company began designing, manufacturing and selling high quality furniture, of their own design. Their sophisticated designs referenced Regency aesthetics, which were informed by antiquity - Greek/Roman styles.

The company's sales catalogue features guides to Victorian homeowners about how to put rooms together to achieve a desirable aesthetic, 'a guide to good taste'. In the 1880s, Shoolbred had opened the city's first large department store on Tottenham Court Road, London. In the mid 1880's Shoolbred was granted a Royal Warrant, testament to the quality of their furniture.

The company ceased trading in 1931.