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Late Regency Period Mahogany Book-Rest almost certainly by Gillows c. 1820

Inventory Number: 200-138

Size: 17 ins wide, 12 ins deep and 3 1/2 ins high; Maximum 11 3/4 ins high when propped up

Bookrests, particularly are rather rarer than one may imagine, and when one does find one they tend to be of good quality, as they were likely commissioned by families of considerable means given the cost of fine books in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Of simple elegant design with an adjustable solid face sitting on four flattened round feet, the quality of the timber and construction indicates a fine maker and we can confidently attribute the piece to the eminent firm of Gillows.

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