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## Pair Of Benches From Villa Suvera With Coat Of Arms Of The Lucchesi Palli Family, Siena, 1847



28 000 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Painted wood

Length : 274 cm

Height : 91 cm

Depth : 44 cm

### Description

Extraordinary pair of benches painted in grisaille technique based on motifs from Greek Antiquity with the coat of arms of the Lucchesi Palli Family. The backrests on three sides decorated. In the center, two representations of Pegasus flank the coat of arms of the family that owned the Villa Suvera. In addition, mythical representations from Greek Antiquity enrich these paintings. The backrests are tightened at the back with corresponding grisaille paintings on canvas. The benches have a swivel base and are marked "Apollo" and "Mercurio" and dated on the front panel: 1847. According to our information they were made for a large family celebration at that time. Siena dated 1847. According to recent research and the kind indications of doctor Victor Veronesi, it seems that the origin of the

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manufacture of the two benches dates back to the long preparation for the marriage of Carlo (X), Carlo Alberto Massimo Prince of Arsoli (Rome 3.12.1836 - 21.1.1921) and Donna Francesca Romana Lucchesi Palli (Graz-Brunsee? 12.10.1836 - Rome 10.5.1923) in 1860. Donna Francesca Lucchesi Palli was the daughter of Count Ettore Lucchesi Palli, Duke of Grazia (Palermo, 2.10.1806 - Brunsee, 1.4.1864) and Maria Carolina Ferdinanda Luisa princess of Bourbon two Sicilies (Naples 5.11.1798 - Brunsee 17.4.1870). Thus, the two benches become an important Italian period document, probably created on the occasion of this wedding. It is not unusual for the preparations to have begun several years before such an important family event and for the equipment and arrangement of the place to have already been undertaken. There are all the details available