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Rare Set of Ten Charles II Oak Dining Stools, Circa 1680

£1,450

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Description

A rare and impressive matched set of ten late 17th-century oak dining stools, dating to circa 1680 and retaining period leather upholstery. Of generous presence and unmistakable character, these handsome Charles II stools offer an exceptional opportunity to furnish a dining room, hall, library, or country-house interior with a substantial and cohesive group of early English furniture.

Each stool is constructed in oak with a tall, shaped back, solid frame, and simple, purposeful proportions. The warm colour and grain of the timber are enhanced by the rich, time-softened patina acquired over more than three centuries of use. Their period leather seats and backs bring further depth and texture to the group, complementing the oak beautifully and preserving the robust, tactile quality so central to 17th-century interiors.

Furniture of this date was designed for endurance, and the direct, architectural construction of these stools reflects the practical confidence of the period. Their restrained decoration allows the natural qualities of the oak, the leather, and the finely balanced silhouettes to take centre stage. Individually, each has the charm of an authentic early stool; together, they create a particularly powerful and atmospheric suite.

Sets of ten matched 17th-century seating pieces are now exceptionally difficult to find. Their scale makes them ideally suited to a long refectory table or formal dining setting, where they would bring immediate warmth, authenticity, and historical presence. Equally, they could be used throughout a country house, restaurant, hospitality interior, or collection of English oak furniture.

A remarkable and increasingly scarce group of Charles II seating, combining rarity, practical usability, and the enduring beauty of oak and aged leather.

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