

Early 18th century painted settle

£2,450



REF: 6315

Height: 161 cm (63.4")

Width: 155 cm (61")

Depth: 42 cm (16.5")

Description

An early 19th century yellow painted curved back tavern settle with curved arm rests, circa 1820. The original painted finish is beautifully rubbed by countless heads leaning against it, probably deep in conversation.

Settle furniture, originating in the medieval period, is a long wooden bench with a high back and arms, sometimes featuring storage beneath the seat. Traditionally crafted from oak, settle benches were used for seating in homes and public spaces, offering warmth by blocking drafts near fireplaces. Over time, settles evolved to include intricate carvings and upholstery, becoming both functional and decorative pieces. Today, they are cherished for their rustic charm and historical significance.