FURNITURE NOTES

A rare painted pine chest on stand.

The illustration shows a remarkable piece of furniture recently acquired for Temple Newsam House, Leeds. It is a finely painted chest on stand built as a single structure, although designed to suggest two stages. The fielded panels at the end, the spandrel brackets and the narrow corner posts extended to form legs are specially interesting features which may reflect local preferences. What, however, makes this object of outstanding importance is the existence, pasted under the lid, of a page from The York Herald published in 1795. This evidence gives a regional origin and approximate date. It was purchased from a Harrogate dealer who had bought it from another dealer in Wetherby who had purchased it in a Darlington sale room. Enquiries have now backtracked this chest on stand to a cottage in the village of Maundby near Thirsk, Yorkshire, and we hope eventually to record precise details of it's ancestry.

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