An Elizabeth I joined oak and inlaid three-tier buffet or court cup-board, London or Exeter, circa 1580

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Height: 116 cm (45.7")

Width: 122 cm (48")

Depth: 49 cm (19.3")

Description

Having a boarded top with cushion-moulded and carved frieze, raised on bulbous cup-and-cover front supports, with palmette carving and ionic capital, the central shelf with original bog-oak and holly knot-pattern inlay, atop cushion-moulded, lenticular and leaf-carved rails (originally a drawer), on conforming front supports, the bottom tier with plain rails, the back uprights carved with stiff-leaves.

For a comparable three tier buffet, again with an inlaid middle tier shelf and two remaining shelves left plain,see the Victoria & Albert Museum, London (acc. no. W.69&:2, 3-1920). See also Ralph Edwards, 'The Dictionary of English Furniture' (1986), Vol. 11, p.181, fig.7, for a three tiered buffet in the collection of Christchurch, Oxford with an intact gadrooned and leaf-carved middle drawer.

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