

**A PAIR OF LARGE GILT-BRONZE ELEVEN-LIGHT EMPIRE CANDELABRA
PROBABLY GERMAN, IN THE MANNER OF CASIMIR MÜNCH.
CIRCA 1815.**

Height: 38¾ in. (97cm).

Provenance: Property of a German Count.

This pair of candelabra each with double tiered eleven light branches above cast flowerhead, acanthus leaves and spirals. The baluster central column decorated with acanthus leaves clover rosettes and palmettes on square bases each applied with two classical figures and neoclassical motifs in relief.

Casimir Münch held the position of Hofziseleur (court ormolu chaser) at the Court of Stuttgart, the capital of the Kingdom of Württemberg, Germany. Active circa 1810-1820, he worked closely with Johannes Klinckerfuss, the Kabinettebenist, as on a table sold Sotheby's New York, 8 may, 2009, lots 191-192. A jardinière by these two makers and signed by Münch was sold Christie's Amsterdam, December 10, 2003, lot 401. The ruler of Württemberg at that date was King Wilhelm I (reigned 1816-1864). It must be presumed that most of Münch's work, as Hofziseleur, was for the Royal family. Another surtout de table by Munch was sold Sotheby's London, October17, 2015, lot 528.