

An important set of three early George II Casters made by Samuel Willmott of Plymouth and & assayed in Exeter in 1727.

Sold



Description

The item we refer to are an extremely rare set of three early George II Casters which were made by Samuel Willmott of Plymouth and assayed in Exeter in 1727, the first year of George II's reign. As you will see from the images, the Casters stand on a spreading foot which is decorated with reeded bands and the plain main body has a beautiful baluster form. The domed pull off covers terminate in a cast bell shaped finial and are pierced with panels of vertical pails and roundels, in addition to stylised flower head motifs. The Casters would have been used for sugar and this is a shape which was peculiar to the West Country. We have never seen such a form from London, which is most interesting to a collector of Exeter pieces. Each caster is fully marked in the foot and with the maker's mark, sterling mark and Exeter mark on the sleeve of the covers. Each has a very fine colour. Samuel Willmott was apprenticed, in 1700, to Andrew Raven under the London Company and went to Plymouth some time before the entry of his mark in Exeter in 1723. He died in 1761. Height of the larger caster: 6.1 inches. Height of the smaller casters: 4.9 inches. Total Weight: 14oz.