

An exceptional set of four George III Serving Dishes, of outstanding weight, made in London in 1781 by Augustin Le Sage.

£9,500



Description

This set would have been used to serve food from and are modelled in the shaped circular form with a raised rim decorated with gadrooning. Each has a deep bowl to hold a good quantity of food and each is engraved with a contemporary Crest, with the Coronet of an Earl above. The reverse is engraved with their individual weight and display a very crisp set of hallmarks. They are each in excellent condition and are of an outstanding weight. This is no surprise as they were made by the Huguenot silversmith, Augustin Le Sage. His work is always of a very fine standard in terms of design and production. He was the son of the great Royal silversmith John Hugh Le Sage, who Subordinate Goldsmith to King George II. His work is very desirable. The Crest, and Coronet, is that as used by the Earls Poulett, specifically for Vere, the 3rd Earl (1710-1788), who inherited the title in 1764. He was the younger brother of the 2nd Earl and served as Member of Parliament for Bridgewater from 1741-1747 and Lord Lieutenant of Devon from 1771-1788. He married Mary Butt, daughter of Richard Butt of Arlington in 1755 and their Seat was Hinton House in County Somerset. The Countess died in 1819. Hinton house is shown and started life as a medieval hall house and was rebuilt around 1500 by Sir Amias Paulet. Alterations were made for successive Lords Poulett by Matthew Brettingham, John Soane, James Wyatt, and Jeffry Wyattville. The Tower House was added around 1814. The design of the south front is based on Inigo Jones's Banqueting House in Whitehall. The South Range is Grade II listed. The former stable block which was built in the late 18th century, designed by John Soane, is also a Grade II listed building. Immediately south of the main house is a sunken garden, surrounded by low open balustrading. Diameter: 10.6 inches, 26.5 cm Weight, an outstanding 114oz the four dishes.