

The Carlton Hall Dinner Plates. A very fine set of twelve early George III Dinner Plates made in London in 1770 by Thomas Heming.

£16,500



Description

The Dinner Plates are of a shaped circular form and display a raised rim which is decorated with an applied gadrooned band. The border of each plate is finely engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by a blue bell garland cartouche. The plates are in excellent condition and have a fine colour. Each plate is very well marked on the reverse and is engraved with its original scratch weight. The Arms are those of Wallace with Simpson in pretence for James Wallace Esq (1729-1783). He was M.P. for Horsham 1770-83, Solicitor General 1778-80 and Attorney General 1780-83. He married on 8th January, 1767, Elizabeth (d1811), daughter and sole heiress of Thomas Simpson of Carleton Hall, Cumberland, which property came to Wallace in the marriage. Their only son, Thomas (1768-1844) was in 1828 created Baron Wallace of Knaresdale, and died without issue. Thomas Heming was principal Goldsmith to the King in 1760, an appointment which he held until 1782. Some of the earliest surviving pieces in the Royal Collection show a French delicacy of taste and refinement of execution, which was unquestionably inherited from his Master, Peter Archambo. His masterpiece is most probably the Speaker's Wine Cistern, 1770, at Belton House, Lincolnshire. Diameter: 9.5 inches. Weight: 213oz.