

THE HARWARDEN CASTLE DISHES. An exceptionally fine pair of George III Serving/Vegetable Dishes and Covers made in London in 1801 by Robert Sharp.

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Description

The Dishes are of an elegant elongated octagonal form. The bases rise to a stepped rim decorated with applied gadrooning. The stepped, domed, pull-off cover rises to an octagonal platform also decorated with gadrooning and terminating in a reed and crossed branch oval finial. The front of each cover is engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by a cartouche of drapery mantling and the bases with a contemporary Crest. All pieces are fully marked and the bases are engraved with their original scratch weights in addition to their numbers within the dinner service. The Dishes are in excellent condition and are of a wonderful weight. The Arms are those of Glynne, for Sir Stephen Richard Glynne 8th Baronet (1780-1815), of Harwarden Castle, County Flint. He was born posthumously and came of age in 1801, the year he commissioned his silver dinner service from Robert Sharp. He married Mary, daughter of Richard Aldworth Neville, 2nd Lord Braybrooke, in 1806. They had three children, a son also named Stephen Richard, who succeeded his father as 9th baronet in 1815, a second son Henry who entered the church and a daughter Catherine (d1900) who married the Rt. Hon William Ewart Gladstone (1809-1898) M.P. and Liberal Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on four occasions. Robert Sharp was a quite exceptional silversmith who was apprentice to Gawen Nash. Either alone or with Daniel Smith his output is always of the finest quality in terms of both design and production. He made much dinner plate and services and with Robert Sharp contributed to the Royal Plate at Carlton House made for The Prince of Wales, later King George IV. Length: 11.2 inches. Width: 8.3 inches. Height: 6.25 inches. Weight: 116oz, the pair.