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Fine Antique Silver

A very unusual pair of George III Salt Cellars made in London in 1783 by James Young.

£1,150



Description

The Salt Cellars stand on an oval pedestal foot decorated with beading and pierced with a band of trailing foliate motifs. The main body is "Boat" shaped in form and rises to a beaded rim and is beautifully pierced, and engraved, with a number of stylised flower heads in ovals. The front of the main body displays an oval disc cartouche which is engraved with a contemporary Crest and each has two reeded loop handles. The Salt Cellars are in excellent condition, are fully marked on the foot and both have blue glass liners. James Young is a scarce maker, however the quality of his work, especially his engraved and pierced decoration, is of a very high standard. He had workshops at 70, Little Britain when these pieces were made. A.G. Grimwade in "London Goldsmith's 1697-1837", emphasises that his work is of elegant Neo Classical design and fine finish, especially his epergnes. He was very innovative in his design, which is seen here and also with a fourteen sided tea caddy on this website, currently being offered for sale. Length, handle to handle: 5.9 inches, 14.75 cm. Width: 2.35 inches, 5.88 cm. Height, to the top of the handles: 3.5 inches, 8.75 cm. Weight: 7.5 oz the pair.