

The Earl of Shaftesbury's Serving Dishes. A very fine pair of George III Serving Dishes made in London in 1787 by Daniel Smith & Robert Sharp.

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Description

The Dishes are oval in form with a raised border decorated with applied gadrooning. The borders are engraved with a contemporary Armorial with Motto below and the Coronet of an Earl above, this is all flanked by a supporter on each side. The dishes are in excellent condition and of the finest quality. They are well marked on the reverse as well as being engraved with their original weight and their number within the dinner service. The Armorial is that of the Earl of Shaftesbury impaling Webb. This is for Anthony Ashley Cooper, 5th Earl of Shaftesbury (1761-1811), who inherited the title in 1771 and married Barbara Webb, daughter of Sir John Webb, 5th Baronet, in 1786. The couple had one daughter (who married Baron De Mauley). The family seat was St. Giles House. Daniel Smith & Robert Sharp were very fine silversmiths who were patronised by George III and his son, The Prince of Wales, later King George IV, when he was furnishing his Carlton House residence on The Mall in London. Length: 13 inches, 32,5 cm. Width: 9 inches, 22.5 cm. Weight: 51oz, the pair.