

The Howard-Vyse Trays. A very fine pair of George III Trays made in London in 1804 by William Stroud.

£3,250



Description

The Trays are of the finest quality and have a navette form which rises to a gadrooned rim. Each end is decorated with a raying shell motif and cast scroll. The main body is engraved with a double Crest below the Motto " Virtus Mille Scuta".The left hand crest is that as used by Vyse and the right hand crest and the motto are those of Howard (the branches being the Barons and Earls of Effingham and Howard-Vyse of The Manor Cottage, Old Windsor). These pieces definitely, therefore, carry the crest and motto of Howard-Vyse.The Crests and Motto are therefore those of Richard William Howard Vyse (1784-1853), son of General Richard Vyse and his wife, Anne, the only surviving daughter and heiress of Field-marshal Sir George Howard. He changed his name to Richard William Howard-Vyse by Sign Manual in 1812 when he inherited substantial estates in Northamptonshire. Richard William was a soldier and Egyptologist as well as Member of Parliament for Beverley (1807-1812) and Honiton (1812-1818). He was also High Sherriff of Buckinghamshire in 1830.The Trays are of the finest quality and have an exceptional weight. William Stroud was a quality silversmith who was apprentice to Benjamin Laver, entering his first mark in 1788. He had workshops at 4, Burleigh Street, Strand, when these fine pieces were made. These would be ideal on the table for chocolates or petit fours.Length: 11 inches, 27.5 cm.Width: 4.5 inches, 11.25 cmWeight: 22oz.