A very fine set of four large George III Serving/Under Plates made in London in 1806 by William Stroud.

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Description

The Plates are of circular form with a raised rim decorated with a gadrooned band.  One side of the border is engraved with a contemporary Armorial and the other with a contemporary Crest.  Each is in excellent condition, with a crisp set of hallmarks.  The Plates are of a large size and can be used for serving on the dining table, or as underplates to place porcelain plates on.  This size of dish seldom appear and are very useful today.These crest and the arms on the left are those of Smith with Or, a lion rampant azure and those of Tucker.  John Smith (1767-1842) was born into a Whig banking dynasty and married, as his second wife, in 1800 Mary, (d. 1809), daughter of Lt.-Col. Martin Tucker.  John Smith served as MP for a number of constituencies (Wendover 1802-1806, Nottingham 1806-1818, Midhurst 1818-1830, Chichester 1830-1831 and Buckinghamshire 1831-1834).  Smith, described as 'one of the city's most eminent bankers' ran, along with his brother the firm of Smith, Payne and Smith.  He was also a Director of the West India Dock Co. from 1804-1811, 1817-1824, 1828-1830, 1832-1834 and 1837-1838.  He was also Deputy Chairman 1813-1814 and Chairman in 1814.  He was also Treasurer of the Board of Agriculture 1807-1816, Director of the Imperial Assurance Company 1813-1831, the Imperial Fire Insurance Company 1831-1834 and 1836-1840 and Commissioner of Exchange bills and Loans 1818-1840.  In 1798 he was a member of the Volunteer London and Westminster light horse.  He died in January 1842 as a result of draining a bottle of laudanum in mistake for cough medicine.William Stroud was apprentice to Benjamin Laver and produced fine plates and dinner service ware from workshops located at 4, Burleigh Street, Strand.Diameter: 12 inches, 30 cm.Weight: 140 oz the set.



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