

An exceptionally fine & unusual George III Sauce Tureen and cover made in London in 1816 by John Houle.

Sold



## Description

The Sauce Tureen stands on four cast winged paw feet which are decorated with acanthus foliage. The rectangular, baluster, main body rises to an everted lobed rim. The two reed and tie side handles are attached to the main body with swirling rosette mouldings and both the front, and reverse, of the main body is engraved with a contemporary Armorial, with the Motto "PRO REGE" below. The stepped, slightly domed, cover terminates in an acanthus and palm leaf handle, attached to an acanthus leaf platform. As with the main body, the front and reverse of the cover is engraved with a contemporary Crest. The Tureen is in quite excellent condition, is of a very good weight, and is fully marked on the base and also on the cover.

The Arms, Crest and Motto are those of Burnaby, for Sir William Crisp Burnaby, 1788-1853, 3rd Baronet of Broughton Hall, Oxfordshire. He had succeeded his father whilst still a child and married Eleanor, widow of Joseph Wood. The 1st Baronet, Admiral Sir William Burnaby, purchased Broughton in 1747 and was High Sheriff for the County in 1756. Through his female descendants, he is six times great grandfather to the James Bond actor, Daniel Craig.

The design, and quality, is reminiscent of the work of Paul Storr and this is no surprise, as John Houle was apprenticed to Paul Storr, recognised as the greatest 19th century British Silversmith.

Height: 5.5 inches, 13.75 cm.

Length. handle to handle: 7.75 inches, 19.38 cm.

Width: 4.75 inches, 11.88 cm.

Weight: 27oz