

An extremely fine pair of early George III Dessert Boats made in London in 1769 by William Skeen.

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Description

These beautiful dessert boats were, most probably, used for cream or dessert sauces and stand on a slightly domed cast pedestal foot with lobed decoration and a shaped gadrooned base. The slightly baluster main body is of a good size and rises to a gadrooned rim, with scroll under the pouring spout. The leaf capped scroll handle is attached to the main body with oval and shell mouldings and the side of the main body is engraved with a contemporary Crest, below the Coronet of an Earl. The Crest is that as used by the Earls Poulett, specifically for Vere, the 3rd Earl (1710-1788), who inherited the title in 1764. He was the younger brother of the 2nd Earl and served as Member of Parliament for Bridgewater from 1741-1747 and Lord Lieutenant of Devon from 1771-1788. He married Mary Butt, daughter of Richard Butt of Arlington in 1755 and their Seat was Hinton House in County Somerset. The Countess died in 1819. Both are in excellent condition and are fully marked in the foot. William Skeen was a prolific maker of Sauceboats during this period with workshops in St. Ann's Lane near Aldersgate Street. Height: 5 inches, 12.5 cm. Length, handle to spout: 7.1 inches, 17.75 cm. Width: 3.45 inches, 8.63 cm. Weight: 24oz, the pair.