

An extremely rare nest of George III Military Campaign Beakers made in London in 1814 by Robert Garrard.

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Description

These exceptionally rare Beakers are plain in design, with slightly tapering sides. The smaller beaker fits inside the larger one and both have gilded interiors. Most unusually the smaller one has a cover, with suspensory ring, so that the contents would not be contaminated while on a military campaign. The front of both beakers are engraved with a contemporary cypher, with foliate sprigs below and the Coronet of a Baron above. Each piece is well marked and in excellent condition. Due to their very unusual nature we have concluded that they must have been a special commission, from this important silversmith, who was patronised by the Royal and Noble families. The quality of design and production is exceptional. The history of the illustrious firm of Garrad has its roots in the beginning of the Rococo period through George Wickes, principal Goldsmith to King George II. The first Garrard to appear in the lineage was Robert Garrard I who went into partnership with John Wakelin in 1792. He died in 1818 and was succeeded by his three sons Robert II, James and Sebastian. The firm was starting to make high quality silver at this point, but it was after they succeeded Messrs Rundell, Bridge & Rundell as Crown Jewellers in 1843 that their reputation really blossomed. One of the high points of the firm's history was their display at the Great Exhibition of 1851 after which they held an elevated position, probably above all other competitors. Our heraldic researcher has concluded that there was only one Baron with the initials SD and that the initials and Coronet are most probably those of Skeffington Daly, 3rd Baron Dunsandle and Clanconal. He was succeeded by his nephew who had been Assistant Private Secretary to Benjamin Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield 1874-80 and Private Secretary to the first Lord of the Treasury 1885-87. Height: 3 inches, 7.5 cm. Diameter: 3 inches, 7.5 cm. Weight: 12oz.