An important pair of George III Sauce Tureens & Stands made in London in 1775 by William Holmes

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Description

These exceptional Tureens have a shaped rectangular baluster form and stand on four slender legs with paw feet. The legs are decorated with beading and are attached to the main body with acanthus foliage mouldings. The slender side scroll handles are also decorated with beading and Rococo shells and are attached to the sides with foliate and bud mouldings. The shaped everted beaded rim displays a beautiful mix of flower heads, scrolls and raying shell motifs. The domed pull off covers terminate in a pomegranate finial and display a beaded band interspersed with pluming foliate scrolls. The Tureens unusually have their original stands, which have a shaped oval form. The border rises to a beautiful rim decorated in the same manner as the rim of the tureens, with a beaded band interspersed with flowerheads, raying shells and foliate motifs. The Stands and Tureens are engraved with a contemporary Armorial, with Motto below engraved on a banner and Crest above. The Arms are those of the Walker family and are flanked by a crossed branch cartouche. The covers of the tureens are engraved with the same contemporary Crest, as seen above the Arms. The Tureens and Stands are in excellent condition and are fuly marked on the underside of the stands and the tureens. To find a pair of George III Tureens, with their original stands, is most unusual and they make quite some statement on the table. William Holmes was a great exponent of the Neo Classical and had workshops at 12, Clerkenwell Green when these Tureens were made.

Tureens:
Length, handle to handle: 9.5 inches: 23.75cm.
Width: 5.25 inches, 13.13cm.
Height: 5 inches, 12.5cm

Stands:
Length: 9.75 inches, 24.38cm.
Width: 6.25 inches, 15.63cm.

Total Weight: 61oz, the pair.

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