

An important pair of George III Serving Dishes & Covers made in 1803  
by Thomas Ellerton & Richard Sibley I.

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## Description

The Dishes have a deep circular base, with pleated sides, and a shaped gadrooned rim, with unusual side handles attached to the main body with acanthus leaf mouldings. The base is crisply engraved with a shield shaped Armorial and Crest above. Most unusually, the dishes have a dividing plate, so another layer of food can be kept underneath, or it can be filled with hot water to keep the top layer hot. The centre of the plate is engraved with a set of contemporary initials around the Red Hand of Ulster, within a shield. The very unusual, high domed, covers terminate in a crossed branch finial, decorated with reeding. The front of each cover is engraved with the same Armorial and Crest, as seen in the base. The Arms, Crest and initials are those of Hodson (Baronet), quartering Adair, and impaling Neville, for Sir Robert Hodson, 1st Baronet created 1789, and his first wife Anne, daughter of Foster Adair, MP, of Holybrooke House, County Wicklow, who died with no surviving issue. They impale those of his second wife, Jane, daughter of Brent Neville, of Ashbrook, County Dublin, by whom he had surviving issue. Despite his first wife's death he inherited Holybrooke through his maternal descent through the Adairs. The Dishes are in quite excellent condition and are very well marked on all of the pieces, as well as being engraved with their original scratch weights. Ellerton and Sibley, either alone or in partnership, were exceptional silversmiths. Pieces bearing their mark do not exist in great quantities as their partnership only lasted from 14th November, 1803 until 23rd April, 1805. They had workshops at 14, Bartholomew Close when these dishes were made. Height: 6 inches, 15 cm. Length, handle to handle: 14 inches, 35 cm. Weight: 143oz, the pair.