PAUL STORR - THE CAHIR SERVING DISHES - AN IMPORTANT SET OF THREE GRADUATED SERVING DISHES MADE IN LONDON IN 1811 BY PAUL STORR.

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Description

This exceptional set of serving dishes are of graduated sizes and oval in form with a broad rim decorated with gadrooning interspersed with double raying shells flanked by acanthus foliage, in addition to anthemion motifs. Each side is engraved with a contemporary Armorial, flanked by supporters, with the coronet of a Baron above and the motto "God be my Guide" engraved on a banner below. Each is well marked on the reverse and all are in excellent condition, being of the exceptional weight expected from this silversmith.The Arms and Motto are those of Richard Butler as 10th Baron Cahir (Peerage of Ireland 1583). He was born in 1775 and took his seat as a Tory in the Irish House of Lords in 1796. On the political Union of 1801, he was elected a representative peer to sit in the British House of Lords. He was subsequently created Viscount Cahir and 1st Earl of Glengall in 1816. He died in 1819 and was succeeded by his son Richard, 2nd Earl of Glengall. In 1793 he married Emily, fourth and youngest daughter of James St. John Jeffreys of Blarney Castle. Co. Cork, by Isabel, sister of John, 1st Earl of Clare, Lord Chancellor of Ireland. Their seat was Cahir Castle on the river Suir, one of the largest castles in Ireland, however they spent most of the year at Cahir House, Tipperary. In 1793 a visitor reported:"Lord Cahir gave a most flaming fete champetre in Cahir House where the company dined under marquees on the lawn and danced all evening. Lady Cahir danced an Irish Jig in her stockings to the music of an old blind piper. We had a superb supper in the three largest rooms, all crowded as full as they could and we did not get home till eight o'clock in the morning and so slept all the next day."The year after these dishes were made, the Baron commissioned John Nash to build a Gothic Cottage in the 560-acre park, " a picturesque retreat - greatly admired for the extreme beauty of its situation," Nash also rebuilt the local church in 1817. A pair of Wine Coolers, bearing these arms, made by Paul Storr in London in 1812 were sold at Sotheby's, New York, 26th April 2008, lot 266 ($ 265,000 incl.premium).Length: 22.4 inches, 19.5 inches & 17.2 inches respectively.Width: 17.75 inches, 15.25 inches & 13 inches respectively.Total Weight: 272 oz.

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