

PAUL STORR - THE KINMEL DINNER PLATES. A VERY FINE SET
OF SIX GEORGE III DINNER PLATES MADE IN LONDON IN 1815
BY PAUL STORR

Sold



Description

The Dinner Plates are modelled in a known Paul Storr design and are circular in form with a raised border decorated with gadrooning interspersed with acanthus foliage and teardrop motifs. The border is also engraved with a contemporary Armorial with Motto engraved on a banner below, all surrounded by a pluming scroll cartouche. The border is also engraved with a contemporary Crest, with the Coronet of a Baron below. Each Plate is in excellent condition and is very well marked on the reverse. The Arms are those of Hughes quartering another and impaling Grey. They are specifically those of William Lewis Hughes of Kinmel Park, Dinorben and Llysdulas (1787-1852) who married Charlotte Margaret Grey, 3rd daughter of Ralph William Grey Esq., of Backworth in 1804. She died in 1825. In 1831 Hughes was created the 1st Baron Dinorben and an engraving of 1829 by Thomas Lupton, after Lonsdale, shows him in his military uniform with the Coronet of a Baron by his side. The Hughes of Kinmel were fabulously wealthy. The 1st Baron's father, a curate, had married the daughter of his employer and inherited a small house and a "bare hill". This hill happened to be the Parys Mountain and a giant copper mine. At its height, this mine had 1500 miners and the Hughes and the Bayleys (the owners of the other side of the mountain) divided an estimated £ 300,000 per year between them, which was a little over £ 13,000,000 in 2017. Their seat, Kinmel Hall, is one of the largest country houses in Wales and is referred to as the Welsh Versailles. It was remodelled in the mid 1850's by Hugh Robert Hughes, who succeeded to the estates, being cousin of the 1st Baron Dinorben. As well as being used as dinner plates, these could be used for serving on the dining table, as well as serving canapes etc. Diameter: 10.4 inches, 26 cm. Weight: 144oz.