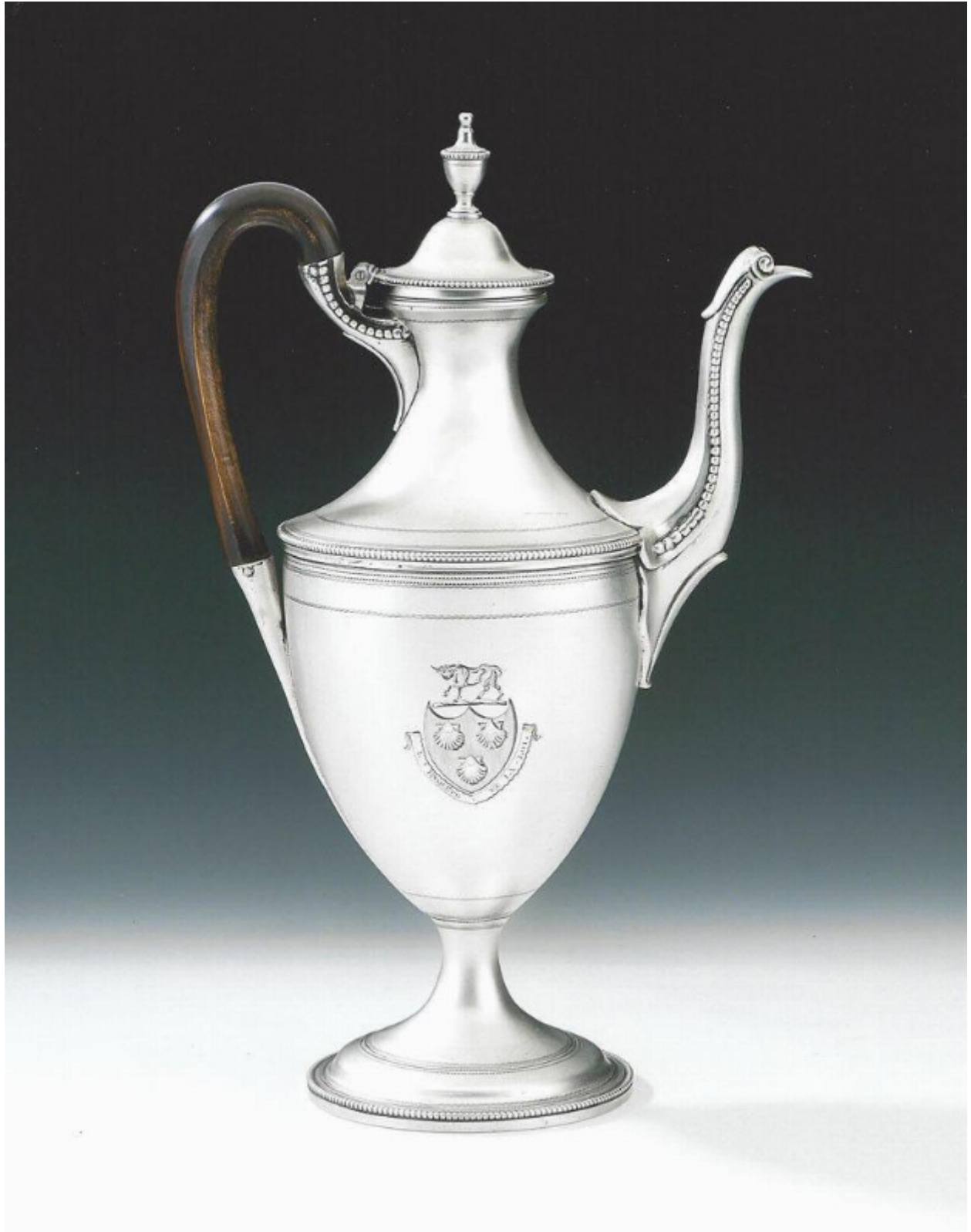


Hester Bateman. An extremely fine George III Coffee Pot made in London in 1783 by Hester Bateman.

Sold



Description

This Neo-Classical Coffee Pot stands on a circular pedestal foot which is decorated with beading and which is engraved with a subtle reeded and prick dot band. The main body is modelled in the Classical vase form and displays a beaded band where it meets the neck. The hinged, domed cover also has a beaded rim and terminates in a Neo-Classical urn finial. This piece also has an unusual cast spout with a beaded band running down the centre and the end is modelled to simulate a birds head. This piece has a fruitwood handle and the silver handle mouldings are also unusually decorted with beading. The front of the main body is engraved with a contemporary shield shaped Armorial, with Crest above, and the Motto LEnquete Et La Loi - Enquiry and the Law below. The Coffee Pot is in excellent condition and is fully marked in the foot and with the makers mark and sterling mark on the cover.

The Armorial, Crest and Motto are those of the ancient and once eminent family of Dumaresq, of the Island of Jersey, specifically for the Reverend Daniel Dumaresq FRS (1712-1805), an eminent educational consultant to Russian and Polish monarchs. Dumaresq came from Trinity, Jersey, in the Channel Islands. He attended Abington School and in 1730 entered Pembroke College and was a Fellow of Exeter College, Oxford. He became curate at Merton on Otmoor, Oxfordshire (1744), then Chaplain at the English Factory at St. Petersburg (1746-62). During this time he was elected to the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences, became fluent in Russian and was Chaplain to Sir Charles Hanbury, British Ambassador to St. Petersburg. In his capacity as Chaplain to the Ambassador he employed a secretary, Stanislaus Poniatowski, who later became King of Poland. Upon his return to England, he took the Rectory of Yeovilton. From there he was called upon to return to Russian and Poland to advise Catherine the Great of Russia and Stanislaus II, King of Poland, on educational matters. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society and died unmarried in Bath in 1805. A painting of Dumaresq is shown.

Height: 12 inches, 30cm.

Length, handle to spout: 7.5 inches, 18.75cm.

Weight: 25oz