

An important George III Campaign Biggin made in Dublin in 1792 by William Bond.

Sold



Description

The main body is circular in form, with an everted rim. The Biggin has a sparrow beak pouring spout, with hinged cover, and pendant drop below. The side socket unscrews, so that the circular silver and ivory ring handle can be removed for packing away when travelling or on military campaigns. The cover is exceptionally finely and beautifully engraved with a contemporary Armorial, flanked by supporters, and with a Motto below and the Coronet of a Viscount above. This piece is in quite excellent condition and is very well marked on the base and with the Hibernia on the cover. Campaign Biggins are extremely scarce from any location, however to find one from Ireland is extremely rare, especially with this important provenance attached to it. William Bond was a prolific Dublin silversmith, with workshops in Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, when this piece was made.

The Arms, Motto and Coronet are those of Sir Robert Monckton-Arundell, 4th Viscount Galway of the Irish Peerage (July 1752-July 1810). He was the second son of William Monckton-Arundell (1725-1777), 2nd Viscount, and Elizabeth daughter of Joseph da Costa Villa Real. He served as M.P. for Pontefract (1780-83, & 1796-1802) and York (1783-90) and as a member of the Privy Council. He succeeded as 4th Viscount Galway on the death of his unmarried elder brother, Henry William Monckton-Arundel (1749-1774), the 3rd Viscount. His career also included service as Comptroller of the Household (1784-87) during the reign of King George III. The Comptroller of the Household is an ancient position in the British Royal Household, normally the second ranking member of the Lord Steward's department after the "Treasurer of the Household". On State occasions, the Comptroller carries a white staff of office. A portrait of the 4th Viscount is shown.

Robert Monckton-Arundell married twice: Firstly in 1779 to Elizabeth Mathew of Felix Hall, Essex and secondly, in 1803, to Margaret Bridget Milnes, widow of P.A. Hay-Drummond, the heiress of Pemberton Milnes of Bawtry Hall, Yorkshire. He had issue of five sons and four daughters by his first marriage. Robert Monckton-Arundell was succeeded by his son William George Monckton-Arundel (1782-1834, the 5th Viscount.

Height: 3.6 inches, 9cm.

Base Diameter: 2.55 inches, 6.38 cm.

Weight: 8oz.