A very fine pair of George II Butter Shells made in London in 1750 by Edward Wakelin.

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Description

The Butter Shells stand on two cone feet and have deep scallop shell bodies. The carrying handles have a wavy edge and are engraved with a contemporary Crest below the Coronet of a Viscount. Each is very well marked on the reverse, in addition to being engraved with their original scratch weight. The shells are of a good weight and gauge and are in excellent condition. Edward Wakelin was a superior silversmith who was apprenticed to John Le Sage. He took over the workshops of the highly important silversmith, George Wickes, in Panton Street, near Haymarket, and entered his first mark in November 1747. This is the crest of Cole beneath a Viscount's coronet. The Cole family were created Barons Mountflorence in 1760, Viscounts Enniskillen in 1776 and Earls of Enniskillen in 1789.This crest would seem to be that of the 1st Earl (1736-1803) while Viscount Enniskillen (1776-1789). The main seat of the family is Florence Court near Enniskillen.Length: 5.1 inches, 12.75 cm.Width: 4.6 inches, 11.5 cm.Weight: 10oz the pair.

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