An exceptional & unusual pair of George III Vegetable Dishes made in London in 1794 by Robert II & Thomas II Makepeace.

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Height: 6 cm (2.4")

Width: 13 cm (5.1")

Depth: 9 cm (3.5")

Description

The Entree Dishes are of the unusual Pagoda form with a broad rectangular base, with cut corners, and a gadrooned rim. The domed, paneled covers rise to a reeded crossed branch finial and the front of the covers are engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by a shell and pluming scroll cartouche. The bases are engraved with a contemporary Crest. The dishes are of an unusual design, a very good weight and display a full set of crisp marks on each piece. The Arms and Crest are those of the Pilkington family, long seated at Rivington, County Lancaster. Fuller claims that they were gentlemen of repute, long before even the Norman Conquest. These Arms are specifically those of Sir Thomas Pilkington, 7th Baronet, MA, Oxon, Sheriff of Yorkshire 1798-1800. He was born in 1773 and in 1797 married Elizabeth Anne, daughter of William Tuffnell. He died in 1811, leaving four daughters and co-heiresses, but no male issue. He was succeeded in the Baronetcy by his only brother, Sir William Pilkington, the 8th Baronet. The baronetcy was created in 1635 for Sir Arthur Pilkington, 1st Baronet of Stanley and nether Bradley, County Yorkshire. In the 19th century the family adopted the triple barrel name Milborne-Swinnerton-Pilkington to mark their inheritance of various estates through marriages to heiresses. The present 14th Baronets seat is Kings Walden Bury in Hitchen, Hertfordshire.

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