

An exceptionally fine pair of George II Salvers made in London in 1735 by Robert Abercromby

£3,250



Description

The Salvers have a shaped circular form, with a beautiful raised border, and stand on three hoof feet. Both are decorated with a band of flat chasing including trellis work, Rococo shell details and scroll work, finely executed and in very crisp condition. The centre of each displays a lozenge shaped Armorial surrounded by a cartouche of scrolls, scale work and shells. Both are in excellent condition, with an outstanding colour and full set of hallmarks on the reverse. They are also engraved on the back with their original scratch weight. The Arms are those of Lechmere impaling Foley. Anthony Lechmere (1674-1720) of Hanley Castle, Worcestershire married Anne Foley (b. c. 1689), daughter of Thomas Foley of Stoke Edith, Worcestershire, in 1709. Anthony was Member of Parliament for Bewdley in 1710 and Tewkesbury from 1714 to 1717.

From 1717 to 1720 he was Receiver general and cashier of the customs. The Arms are those of Anne Lechmere in her widowhood. Hanley Castle (the village) contains the Lechmere family house called Severn End. It is believed to have been the model for Brinkley Court in the Jeeves and Wooster stories by P. G. Wodehouse. Severn End is a large Elizabethan mansion and the seat of the Lechmere family, in Hanley Castle, since the 11th century. The Grade II listed building is situated on the banks of the River Severn. Robert Abercromby was a specialist salver maker, who entered his first mark in 1731. He occupied workshops at New Rents, St. Martin's Le Grand, when these salvers were made. Diameter: 6.1 inches, 15.25 cm. Height: 1 inch, 2.5 cm. Weight: 13.75 oz.