An important pair of silver divided warming dishes, and covers, from the collection of the 2nd Earl of Eldon. Made in London in 1841 by Richard Sibley II.

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Description

The Dishes are circular in form and the bases are double walled incorporating a water reservoir which, when filled, would keep the contents hot. The bases rise to an everted gadrooned rim. The fluted, baluster, wooden handles have a chain and pin, and unscrew to provide access to the hot water compartment. The interior is inset with a removable tripart divider, so that it could contain three different types of food. The domed, stepped, pull off covers terminate in leaf capped open handle on a gadrooned platform. The base and divider are engraved with a contemporary Crest, with the coronet of an Earl above. The covers are engraved with the full Armorial, flanked by supporters, with the coronet of an Earl above and the Motto “Sit Sine Labe Decus” engraved on a banner below. The Dishes are of the finest quality as would be expected from this maker, they are both in outstanding condition and are marked in no less than twelve places, as well as being engraved with the retailers mark of Makepeace. They are of an outstanding weight. Richard Sibley II was the son of Richard I, also a silversmith with a reputation for producing fine quality items. He had workshops in Dufours Place, Broad Street, when these dishes were made. The Arms, Crest, Motto and Coronet are those of John Scott, 2nd Earl of Eldon (10 December 1805 – 18 September 1854) a British peer and Tory politician. Eldon was the only child of John Scott (8 March 1774 – 24 December 1805), MP for Boroughbridge, the only son of Lord Chancellor John Scott, 1st Earl of Eldon. His father died when he was only two weeks old. His mother was Henrietta Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Matthew White Ridley, 2nd Baronet. He was educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford. Eldon sat as Member of Parliament for Truro from 1828 to 1831. In 1838 he succeeded his grandfather in the earldom and entered the House of Lords. He was President of the Pitt Club in 1842.Lord Eldon married Louisa, daughter of Charles Duncombe, 1st Baron Feversham, in 1831. They had one son and six daughters. She died in November 1852. Lord Eldon survived her by two years, and died in September 1854, aged 48. He was succeeded in the Earldom by his only son, John.Height: 6 inches, 15 cm.Length, including the handle: 18 inches, 45 cm.Diameter of the base: 11.5 inches, 28.75 cmWeight: 257oz, the pair.

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