

SIR DAVID DUNDAS, 1ST BT. SERGEANT SURGEON TO KING
GEORGE III. An extremely fine & rare George III Breakfast/Vegetable
Dish & Lampstand made in London in 1781 by John Schofield.

Sold



Description

The very beautiful dish has an oval form and deep bowl. The sides rise to a beaded rim and the two side handles are also decorated with beading, interspersed with a very pretty flower head. The domed cover terminates in a pineapple finial, which was a symbol of status and wealth. The front of the cover is also engraved with a contemporary shield shaped Armorial with drapery banner below engraved with the motto "ESSAYEZ". The Arms are flanked by lion rampant supporters and the engraving has been executed to the highest standard. Most unusually, the dish has its original lamp stand and burner, also made by John Schofield in 1781. The oval stand has four flat fluted legs and the feet are also decorated with flat fluting. The central oval burner, is decorated with beading and has a pull off cover for two wicks. The stand and dish are in most excellent condition and the base of the dish, cover of the dish and underside of the burner are all fully marked. The cover of the burner and the side of the frame, also display a clear maker's mark. This is an exceptionally well marked example.

The Arms and Motto are those of Sir David Dundas 1749-1826, a distinguished surgeon who was created 1st Baronet of Richmond, Surrey in 1815. Sir David was the son of Ralph Dundas and Mary, nee Ferguson. He was appointed to the prestigious position of Sergeant Surgeon to King George III in 1792 and was Household Apothecary at Kew Palace. He assisted at the post mortem on Princess Charlotte in November 1817, after her tragic death during childbirth, such was his important position. He was also Physician to the Duke of Kent (father of Queen Victoria) from 1816 to 1817 and Surgeon to the Duke of Kent from 1818 to 1820. Dundas was a prominent figure in the Royal College of Surgeons and was Master of the College in 1804, 1811 and 1819. He was made a baronet in 1815.

He married, on 20th July, 1775, Isabella Robertson (died 1827) and had twelve children, three of whom succeeded to the Baronetcy, second baronet (William), third (Major General James Fullerton) and fourth (Admiral John). The Baronetcy became extinct on the death of the 4th Baronet in 1868. An image of Sir David Dundas is shown.

John Schofield was an exceptional maker during this period and was patronised by King George III and also by his son, The Prince of Wales, later King George IV, when he was furnishing his Carlton House residence on Pall Mall in London.

Dish & Stand Length: 14 inches, 35cm.

Width: 8 inches, 20cm.

Height: 7.5 inches, 18.75cm.

Weight: 50oz.