

The Domville Souffle Dish. An extremely fine and rare George III Souffle Dish made in London in 1817 by the Royal Silversmith, Robert Garrard.

Sold



## Description

The Souffle Dish is of circular form with a raised everted rim decorated with gadrooning. This example has two naturalistic side handles decorated with acanthus foliage and raying shells. The front of the main body is engraved with a contemporary Armorial, with Crest above, surrounded by a shell and scroll cartouche. The silver interior liner has two scroll carrying handles. This part would have been used, in the kitchen, to cook the souffle in the oven and then it would have been brought to the table and placed in the decorative silver dish. These liners are usually plated, however this one is made of silver, which is most unusual. The base is engraved with the total scratch weight, of both the liner and outer dish, and No 183, so it must have been part of a very extensive dinner service. The quality of this piece is outstanding and, in our opinion, Garrard made some of the finest Souffle Dishes, however very few appear on the market today. By their very nature, they can be used for serving a variety of things on the dining table as they can be used as two dishes.

The Armorial is that of Sir William Domville, 1st Baronet and Sheriff of London 1804-05. He was Lord Mayor of London 1813-14 and presided over the banquet given by the Corporation to the Prince Regent and the Allied Sovereigns (Tsar of Russia. King of Prussia etc) in perhaps premature celebration for the vanquishing of Napoleon. He was created first Baronet of St. Albans the following month and died in 1833. He was a branch of the ancient family of Domville, Baronets of Templeogue, which came over with the Conqueror. He is buried in St Albans Abbey and the title became extinct in 1981. This dish was most recently in the Collection of The Lord Ballyedmond 1944-2014.

Height: 3.5 inches, 8.75cm.

Length: 10.25 inches, 25.63cm.

Weight: 43oz.