DUBLIN. An important and large early George II Fruit Strainer made in Dublin circa 1730 by Alexander Brown.

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Description

Irish fruit strainers were not made in large quantities, especially in this unusual size and are extremely rare. This piece has an Irish feel to the design and displays two solid flat handles with wavy cut scroll edges. The circular bowl rises to a reeded rim and the deep bowl is pierced with concentric bands of circles and an upper band of scroll work. The underside of the handle is engraved with the original scratch weight. The strainer is very well marked on the underside of the handles and in the bowl. Alexander Brown was an important silversmith who had workshops in College Green when this piece was made. He attained the position of Freeman of the Goldsmiths company 1726-38. This piece is in excellent condition and has a very good colour. A similar strainer is shown on page 254, fig 9 of " Irish Georgian Silver" by Douglas Bennett.

Length, handle to handle: 10.1 inches, 25.25cm.
Diameter of the bowl: 4.9 inches, 12.25cm.
Weight: 8oz.

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