

MARY COOKE ANTIQUES LTD
Fine Antique Silver

a VERY FINE PAIR OF gEORGE ii rOCOCO sAUCEBOATS MADE
IN IONDON IN 1752 BY rOBERT aLBIN cOX.

£7,500



Description

The Sauceboats stand on a naturalistic cast foot decorated with scrolls, shell details and chased foliate motifs. The large deep bodies display wide swirling lobes and the wavy rims are decorated with gadrooning and matted leaf capping. The rear hooded section terminates in a pretty scroll and the bi-furcated, scroll, handle is decorated with leaf capping and Rococo shells and is attached to the main body with a very detailed, large, Rococo shell moulding. The main body is engraved, under the pouring spout, with a contemporary Armorial with Motto engraved on a banner below. This is all surrounded by a Rococo cartouche of floral sprays and shell details. The Sauceboats are in quite excellent condition and are marked under the spout section, above the Armorial. The arms are those of Whorwood of Headington House, Oxfordshire. The head of the family in 1752 was Thomas Whorwood IV (1718-1771) who was Lord of the Manor of Headington from 1736 and matriculated at Wadham College in 1735. He was Sheriff of Oxfordshire in 1745-1746. He married Anne (Penelope) Schutz of Shotover in 1746 at St. James's Church, Westminster. He died at Malvern in 1771. Robert Albin Cox was apprenticed to Humphrey Payne. He was free in 1752, so these represent an early example of his work. He had workshops in Fetter Lane when these sauceboats were made. Length, spout to handle: 8.5 inches, 21.25 cm. Width: 3.8 inches, 9.5 cm. Height, to the top of the handle: 6 inches, 15 cm. Weight: 36oz, the pair.