

A very rare William III Britannia Standard Porringer made Circa 1698
by John Murch of Plymouth.

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Description

The Porringer is decorated on the lower section with a band of swirling lobes and flutes, below a band of punched foliate motifs. The upper section displays a protruding lobed girdle, also with a band of stylised foliate motifs above. This was a popular design during the William III and Queen Anne periods. The Porringer has an everted rim and two very unusual corded "S" scroll handles. The front of the main body also displays a set of lightly pricked marriage initials above the date 1698. This piece is in excellent condition and has a good colour. These Porringers would have been used to eat from and larger ones as table ornaments, however West Country examples are extremely rare. This example is marked on the side of the main body with a rare set of marks, these being twice with the maker's mark JM script in a shield, as well the sterling mark struck in two halves and the Britannia punch in two halves, usually only the maker's mark is shown. These marks are all recorded in Timothy Kent's, " West Country Silver Spoons and their makers", as well as Jackson's Gold & Silver marks. Kent notes that his mark has been seen on Church plate at Pillaton and that mugs and bowls have been recorded.Length, handle to handle: 6.5 inches.Height: 4 inches.Weight: 6oz.