NEWCASTLE. A very rare George II Rococo English Provincial Sauceboat made in Newcastle in 1748 by William Partis.

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Description

This very rare Sauceboat stands on three hoof feet with shell mouldings where it is attached to the main body. The slightly baluster main body has a beautifully shaped rim and very pronounced pouring spout. The flying scroll handle is beautifully modelled as a dolphin's head, its tail being the moulding where it is attached to the main body. This is a design which is peculiar to Newcastle, however examples are extremely rare. We have only handled two other similar sauceboats over all of our trading years. The Sauceboat is in excellent condition with a crisp set of marks on the base. In addition the base is engraved with the presentation inscription M.B to I.H, with date 1751 below.William Partis was a prominent Newcastle silversmith who was apprentice to James Kirkup. His first mark was entered in 1733 and he died in August, 1759. Margaret Gill in her work, "A Directory of Newcastle Goldsmiths" lists known pieces from his workshops which were sent for assay. Included in the list is a "boat" and "sauceboat", which may well refer to this piece. The Sauceboat is in excellent condition, is well marked and has a very good colour.Length, spout to handle: 7 inches, 17.5 cm.Height to the rim: 3.25 inches, 8.13 cm.Height to the top of the handle: 5.25 inches, 13.13 cm.Width: 3.45 inches, 8.63 cm.Weight: 10oz.

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