A very unusual set of three George III Sauce Tureens and covers made in London in 1771 by Robert Cox.

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Description

The Tureens are circular in form and stand on a cast stepped, spreading, foot decorated with reeding. The baluster shaped main body rises to an everted rim and each has unusual upturned cast side handles decorated with leaf capping. The stepped, domed, pull off covers are also decorated with reeding and terminate in a cast pineapple finial, which was a symbol of power and wealth in the Eighteenth century. The front of the main body is engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by a crossed branch and floral spray cartouche. The covers are each engraved with a contemporary Crest, with the Motto "Meen Sucker Reague" above. The Tureens are in excellent condition and are fully marked in the foot and with the maker's mark on the covers.The Armorial, Crest and Motto are those of the Conner family. The Connor family are listed as being of Manch House, County Cork, Ireland. The Conners are a recorded Cork family in the 18th century. Daniel Connor of Bandon was the agent of the Duke of Devonshire on his Cork estates in the mid 18th century. The Connors of Ballybricken were descended from the Conners of Bandon Bridge (a branch founded by a merchant who purchased estates in 1702).Robert Cox was a fine quality silversmith who was apprentice to Humphrey Payne in 1745, he was turned over to John Payne in 1750 and entered his first mark as a large worker on 10th July 1752. He had workshops in Fetter Lane when these Tureens were made.Height: 5.9 inches, 14.75 cm.Length, handle to handle: 7 inches, 17.5 cm.Weight: 57oz, the set.

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