An exceptional Covered Game Dish made in London in 1841 by John Tapley.

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Description

The base of the dish is of shaped rectangular form with rocaille corners and gadrooned rims. The stepped, high domed, cover of conforming rectangular form is surmounted by a detachable cast handle formed as interlocking C scrolls with acanthus leaves. The side of the cover is engraved with a coat of arms surmounted by a helm reserved with foliate mantling all above the motto Labore at Honore and the badge and star knight commander order of the bath. The base is engraved with a crest of out of a ducal coronet, a plume of five ostrich-feathers, in the middle of them a griffin's claw. The base, cover and handle are very well marked and overall in excellent condition. This piece is of outstanding quality in terms of design and production, as to be expected from this silversmith. It is only fairly recently that the maker, once thought to be Joseph Taylor, has been positively identified as Tapley. Furthermore, it is not too surprising that the quality is high as he was a supplier to Rundell, Bridge and Rundell, the most eminent Royal retailers of silver in the first half of the 19th century and his workshops were next door in Ludgate Hill, overlooked by St. Paul’s Cathedral.These are the arms and crest of Warren with the Order of the Bath. A number of members of the Warren family have been Knights of the Bath. The motto is that of the Order of Guelph which leaves only one possibility:Sir Samuel Warren (1769-1839). Warren joined the Royal Navy in 1782 and served in many theatres of war (including America, France, the West Indies and the Baltic) and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1790, Commander in 1797, Post Captain in 1802 and Rear Admiral in 1837. Warren was made a Knight Companion of the Order of Guelph in 1835 and a Knight at the same time. He was created a Knight Commander of the Bath in 1839. shortly before his death. This must have been made for his family - he married Sarah Moulden Burton in 1800 and they had seven children. Height: 7 inches, 17.5 cm.Length: 10.5 inches, 26.25 cm.Width: 9.1 inches, 22.75 cmWeight: 93 oz.

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