

PAUL STORR - An extremely rare set of six George III CAST
Salt/Spice Bowls made in London in 1818 by Paul Storr.

£11,500



Description

The Bowls are cast and stand on three lion paw feet attached to the main body with acanthus foliage mouldings. The main body has a circular form and is decorated, on the lower section, with lobing. The sides rise to an everted gadrooned rim below a beautiful horizontal frieze of palm and anthemion motifs, above a trailing scroll band. Each piece is well marked on the base and also displays the pattern number from the Storr workshops. Each is in exceptional condition, has a gilded interior and is engraved with a contemporary double Crest. They are large enough to use for small starters or sorbets etc. These are a most unusual form for Storr, however these do show a number of his favoured decorative motifs. Their weight and gauge is very good being cast. The Crests are those of the Portman family, as borne by the Viscounts Portman and are shown on the attached image for the Portman estate above the shield shaped Armorial. Specifically, they are those as used by Edward Berkeley Portman (1771-1823) who married in 1816, as his second wife, Mary daughter of Sir Edward Hulse, 3rd Baronet, of Bremore House. He sat as Member of Parliament for Dorset from 1806-1823. He died in Rome and was succeeded (in his landed income of £ 12,000 per year) by his son the future 1st Viscount Portman. Among his houses were the fabulous Hestercombe and Bryanston House, both shown in the image stream. Edward Berkeley Portman's father had developed and built Portman Square in Marylebone between 1765 and 1784. This square was to prove popular with the wealthiest and most fashionable aristocrats of the day. Hestercombe House, Somerset, was purchased by the 1st Viscount Portman in 1872 and is famous for its beautiful gardens. Bryanston House in Dorset, was their larger family seat. The house was enlarged by the second Viscount in 1894. Both were sold by the family to pay death duties, although they still retain their London estates. It would have been at one of these residences where these would have been used. Height: 2 inches. Diameter at the rim: 3.75 inches. Total Weight: 42oz, the set.