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Fine Antique Silver

ROYAL. A very fine & rare George III Drinks Salver made in London in 1793 by Elizabeth Jones.

Elizabeth Jones

Sold



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Description

The Salver is circular in form with a raised rim which is decorated with reeding. This piece stands on three cast feet which have a scroll end and reeded edge. The Salver is engraved, in the centre, with the contemporary initial "A" below a coronet. This example is in excellent condition and is very well marked. This type of Salver would have been used by a footman to serve drinks at a reception. Elizabeth Jones was a very fine silversmith, who specialised in the production of Salvers and Trays of fine quality. She had workshops in Bartholomew Close, when this piece was made. The Coronet is that of a Prince or Princess of the Blood Royal. It could be that of H.R.H. Princes Amelia or H.R.H. Princess Augusta Sophia. Princess Amelia had a short and rather tragice life, being surrounded by scandal by her possibly marrying in contravention of the Royal Marriage Act, to General the Honourable Charles Fitzroy. When she died her estate passed to the Prince of Wales who had all of her silver erased of its coronets and cyphers. With this in mind we can conclude that the initial and coronet are those of H.R.H. Princess Augusta Sophia, sixth child and second daughetr of King George III & Queen Charlotte. She was born at Buckingham Palace on 8th November, 1768 and was said to have been the favourite daughter of the King. She died at Clarence House on 22nd September, 1840 and is buried in St. George's Chapel Windsor. Silver from the collection of Princes Augusta Sophia is rare and paintings of her are shown. Diameter: 11.9 inches. Weight: 31oz.