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Fine Antique Silver

Royal Association. A very rare pair of George III Goblets made in London in 1805 by William Bennett.

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Description

The Goblets stand on a circular pedestal foot which is decorated with reeding. The plain vase shaped main body is of a good gauge of silver and the interior is palely gilded. The front of each piece is engraved with the Crest and Motto of the Prince of Wales, later George IV, as well as the Motto and insignia of the Bath Harmonic Society. The rim of the bowl is engraved with the inscription:

In testimony of esteem for private worth & transcendent professional attainments, The Revd J. Bowen in the name of the Harmonic Society, presents these Cups to C. Wesley Esq Bath, 1st Jan, 1807.

The Harmonic Society of Bath was founded by Henry Harrington, musician, composer and author in 1795. He published several collections of songs, glees, catches etc and wrote many himself. It was essentially a choral society and frequently performed at the Bath Assembly Rooms for the entertainment of visitors. George, Prince of Wales, became both a member and patron of the Society, thus the Prince of Wales's insignia and motto on the cups. It is almost certain that he provided the funds for these cups to be presented to the society. The Reverend John Bowen was a local clergyman and obviously a key figure in the society and the recipient was Charles Wesley

(1759-1832), nephew of John Wesley, co-founder of the Methodists.

Height: 5.5 inches

Diameter at the rim: 3.5 inches

Weight: 15oz the pair.