

The Fonnereau Sauceboats. An exceptional and very unusual pair of George II Sauceboats made in London in 1739 by Edward Vincent.

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Description

The Sauceboats are of a large, wide, size, with baluster form rising to an everted shaped rim. Each stands on three finely designed cast paw feet, with very detailed lion mask mouldings where they are attached to the main bodies. Most unusually, the handles are modelled as griffin's heads, with shell mouldings where they are attached to the main body. Each is engraved with the contemporary Crest of the Fonnereau family, this being "The Sun in full splendour". The Crest is that as used by Claude Fonnereau of London & Middlesex. He was a prominent merchant and the founding father of the Fonnereau family in England.

From 1738 to 1740 he was Director of the Bank of England and in 1735 he purchased Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich, Suffolk, from Price Devereux, 10th Viscount Hereford. The Sauceboats are in excellent condition, are of a large size and exceptional weight and are fully marked on the underside of the main body. Edward Vincent was a silversmith of the highest rank in London during this period. His masterpiece is the superb oblong Salver of 1729 in the Middle Temple, of the quality seen in the work of the great Paul De Lamerie. Length: 8 inches. Width: 4.6 inches. Height, to the top of the handle: 5 inches. Weight: 41oz, the pair.