

THE MULGRAVE CASTLE SIDEBOARD DISH. A very fine & rare early George III Sideboard Dish made in London in 1765 by William Cripps.

Sold



Description

The Sideboard Dish is of a large size and heavy weight and displays a deep bowl and shaped gadrooned rim. The border is engraved with a contemporary Armorial, with coronet above, and Motto below, flanked by supporters. The Sideboard Dish is very well marked on the reverse and is engraved with its original scratch weight. As you will appreciate, this is ideal for serving a variety of items.

The Arms, Motto and Crest are those of Constantine Henry Phipps (1797-1863), 1st Marquess of Normanby, who married, in 1818, The Hon. Maria Lidell, eldest daughter of the 1st Baron Ravensworth. He was a prominent M.P. for Scarborough, initially as a Tory, but then as a Whig. He served as Home Secretary (1839-41), Ambassador to France (1846-52) and Ambassador to Tuscany (1854-58). He was also a published novelist, author of *Matilda* (1825) and *Yes and No* (1828). His seat was the impressive Mulgrave Castle in North Yorkshire. A painting of the 1st Marquess is shown, together with a photograph of Mulgrave Castle.

William Cripps was a very fine silversmith who was apprenticed to David Willaume and this would account for his exceptional quality in design and production. He became an accomplished craftsman and a versatile exponent of the Rococo style. To judge from his surviving pieces he enjoyed a considerable clientele.

Diameter: 13.75 inches, 34.38 cm.

Weight: 42oz.