HESTER BATEMAN. A rare and unusual George III Drinks Salver made in London in 1779 by Hester Bateman.

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Description

The Salver is of the Drinks size, used by footmen to serve in the drawing and dining room. It stands on three cast claw and ball feet and displays a raised shaped beaded border interspersed with bat wing fluted and scroll work sections. This is the first time we have seen this design coming from the workshops of Hester Bateman. The centre of the Salver is engraved with a contemporary shield shaped Armorial, with Crest and the Motto Forti Non Ignavo above. The Arms are surrounded by a beautifully engraved cartouche of blue bell garlands, foliate branches and paterae.

The Arms, Crest and Motto are those of the Scottish family of Lyell. They impale those of Beale of County Herefordshire and Northants. They are specifically those of Charles Lyell Esq of Kinnordy, co. Forfar. He married Mary Beale of West Looe. Their eldest son, also Charles Lyell (1767-1849) was a famous botanist and translator of Dante. His eldest son, another Charles, originally trained as a lawyer and was regarded as one of the foremost geologists of his day. He was created 1st Baronet of Kinnordy in 1864 and the title became extinct in 1875. Hester Bateman made very few Salvers and to find one of this size, and of this design, is most unusual and very rare. It displays a crisp set of marks on the reverse.

Diameter: 12.5 inches, 31.25cm

Weight: 31oz

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