DUBLIN. An extremely rare George III Chamber Candlestick with its original Snuffer Scissors. Made in Dublin in 1817 by James Le Bas.

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Description

The Chamberstick has a circular base with raised rim decorated with gadrooning, acanthus leaves and Rococo shells. The central shaft rises to a baluster shaped socket and the detachable nozzle is decorated with the same border, as seen on the base. This piece has a very unusual reeded carrying handle. The Chamberstick also comes with a fully marked pair of snuffer scissors of the same date and by the same maker, which fit perfectly in the central section. The Chamberstick is in excellent condition and is fully marked on the base, with the duty mark and maker's mark on the sleeve of the nozzle and with the maker's mark, date letter and Hibernia in the snuffing box of the scissors. This is the first Irish example we have ever seen from the Georgian period, especially with their original snuffer scissors. An extremely rare example which does not feature in any of the books on Irish silver. James Le Bas was born in 1772 and was apprentice to his father, William Le Bas, in London in 1788. The exact date of his arrival in Dublin is unknown, however he was working at 45 Great Strand Street from 23rd July 1808. He had workshops at 43, Great Ship Street when this piece was made. He was elected a Freeman of the Goldsmiths Company in 1824 and died in 1845.

Height: 3.5 inches, 8.75cm.

Base Diameter: 4.75 inches, 11.88cm.

Weight: 9oz.

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