

A very fine Charles II Trefid Spoon made in London in 1684 by
Lawrence Coles

Sold



Description

The Spoon is modelled in the Trefid form with a reeded rat tail on the reverse of the bowl. This piece is also unusually engraved, at the top of the stem, with a contemporary Armorial contained within a shield. The spoon is in excellent condition, with a very good bowl and colour. Lawrence Coles was a specialist spoon maker and was apprentice to the prolific John Smith.

Armorials are very seldom seen on spoons of this period and they are most probably those as used by Belayse, a prominent Yorkshire family, who rose from the rank of Baron, Viscount and finally Earls of Fauconberg. The second son of the first Viscount, like his elder brother, was an eminent Royalist leader during the Civil War. He was created Baron Belayse of Worlaby, County Lincoln in 1644. His elder son died in 1668, leaving an only son Henry, who succeeded his grandfather to the peerage in 1689, but he died in 1692, without issue, and the peerage became extinct. It is probable that these are the Arms of Henry before he succeeded to the peerage.

Length: 7.9 inches, 19.75cm