

An important and extremely unusual pair of George III Cast  
Sauceboats made in London in 1814 by William Fountain.

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## Description

The Sauceboats are cast and modelled in the high Regency Rococo Revival style. Each stands on a shaped spreading foot decorated with raying Rococo shell details. The main body is of a substantial size and displays a scroll border decorated with wide shells. The rear of the sauceboat is partly hooded with a scroll section, decorated with linear designs. The very unusual scroll handle terminates in an eagles head and is decorated with leaf capping, scrolls and shell details. The handle is attached to the main body with foliate and shell mouldings. The front of each Sauceboat is engraved with a contemporary Crest. The Crest and Armorial are those of York impaling Lascelles, for Richard York Esq of Wighill Park, Co. York, and his wife Lady Mary-Anne Lascelles, youngest daughter of Edward, 1st Earl of Harwood, an image of Harwood House is attached. They were married in 1801. Richard York was born in 1778, was High Sheriff for the county in 1832, D.L. for West Riding and Lieutenant-Colonel for the Hussar Yeomanry. He died in 1843, leaving an only son and heir.

The above Richard was the only son of Whittell Sheepshanks, an eminent merchant of Leeds. Sheepshanks had assumed the name and Arms of York by Royal Licence and died in 1817. The Sheepshanks family were, for generations, probably the wealthiest wool merchants in the country and other branches of the family became members of the landed gentry.

The Sauceboats are in excellent condition and are of exceptional quality in terms of both design and production. Fountain worked in the circle of Paul Storr and his designs were certainly influenced by the Master. These are without doubt, the finest sauceboats we have offered for sale in many years. Their weight and gauge is quite outstanding and they are both fully marked on the side of the main body.

Height, to the top of the handle: 7 inches, 17.5cm.

Length, handle to spout: 9 inches, 22.5cm.

Width: 4.5 inches, 11.25cm.

Weight, a magnificent 63oz, the pair.