

JOHN SCHOFIELD. A very rare George III Glass bottomed Mug, of unusual size and design, made in London in 1798 by John Schofield.

Sold



## Description

This very rare piece is modelled in a most unusual shape, with wide, shallow form. The sides are constructed from an exceptional gauge of silver and are decorated with wide horizontal reeded bands. This piece displays a plain solid handle and the base is very unusually inset with a glass panel, something we have seen before on tankards made by Schofield. The front is engraved with a contemporary shield shaped Armorial, with Crest above. The mug is in excellent condition and is very well marked on the side. The Arms are those as used by the Dod family of Edge, County Cheshire, an ancient family seated at that place since the time of Henry II. The male line of this, the senior branch, became extinct in 1827. The estate then passed to the eldest daughter. The impaled arms are those of Nicholson of Cumberland, Lancashire and London. It is thought that the glass base was so that the person drinking could see through any undesirable people who were approaching. A very rare piece by one of the finest silversmiths of the period.

Height: 3 inches, 7.5 cm.

Base Diameter: 3.6 inches, 9cm.

Weight: 12oz.