

PAUL STORR FROM THE DEVONSHIRE COLLECTION AT CHATSWOTH HOUSE. An important pair of George III Heated Plates made in London in 1819 by Paul Storr.

Sold



## Description

The Plates are circular in form with a wide raised border decorated with a gadrooned rim. The plates also have a deep hot water reservoir beneath, which can be filled by opening up a hinged flap in the border. The border is engraved with a contemporary Crest, with the Coronet of a Duke above. These are most unusual, but very practical, pieces and it is the first time we have seen such a design by any silversmith. They could be used to eat off, or keep foot hot, while placed on the table, awaiting serving. The Plates are in excellent condition and are fully marked on the base and with the sterling mark, duty mark and date letter on the top.

The Crest and Coronet is that as used by William George Spencer Cavendish, 6th Duke of Devonshire, 1790-1858, of Chatsworth House, Derbyshire. He was the son of William Cavendish, the 5th Duke, and the famous Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, daughter of John, 1st Earl Spencer of Althorp House, Northamptonshire. The 6th Duke was born in Paris and educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. He lost both parents while still in his youth and succeeded to the Dukedom when he was 21. Along with the title, he inherited eight stately homes and 200,000 acres of land.

Politically he followed the Whig family tradition and held office as Lord Chamberlain of the Household under George Canning and Lord Goderich 1827-28 and under Lord Grey and Lord Melbourne between 1830 and 1834. In 1827 he was sworn of the Privy Council and made a Knight of the Garter. He was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary to the Russian Empire on the Coronation of Tsar Nicholas I in 1826. He was a friend of the Prince Regent, later George IV, and carried the Orb at his Coronation in 1821. Other friends included Antonio Canova and Charles Dickens. An image of the 6th Duke, and his magnificent Seat, Chatsworth House, are attached.

Diameter: 9.75 inches, 24.38cm.

Weight: 64oz.