

The Earl of Aberdeens Soup Plates. A very fine set of six George III
Soup Plates made in London in 1808 by Burwash & Sibley.

Sold



Description

The Plates were formerly in the Collection of George Hamilton-Gordon, 4th Earl of Aberdeen, Prime Minister of Great Britain 1852-1855. Each piece is of an unusual form, being totally circular with a wide rim and gadrooned border. The border is engraved on one side with the Arms of the 4th Earl surrounded by his Motto, with the Coronet above. The other side is engraved with his Crest surrounded by the Motto of the Order of the Thistle, with the Coronet above. The Plates are all very well marked, have a fine colour and are all numbered and engraved with their original scratch weights.

George Hamilton-Gordon, 4th Earl of Aberdeen was born in 1784 and was a distinguished statesman, filling various high public offices, diplomatic and ministerial. He was Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs 1828-30 and again 1841-46 and Prime Minister of Great Britain from 1852-1855, when he was made a Knight of the Garter. He was created a Knight of the Order of the Thistle in 1808, and as these plates bear the Motto of this Order, it is probable that they were made to celebrate this. His seat was Haddo House, however it may have been that he used this silver in Downing Street. He died in 1860.

The Plates, with their deep bowls, can also be used for serving vegetables etc at the dining table.

Diameter: 9.75 inches

Total Weight: 115oz the set