THE GAINSBOROUGH DINNER PLATES. A VERY FINE SET OF TWELVE DINNER PLATES MADE IN LONDON IN 1839 BY THE ROYAL SILVERSMITHS JOHN MORTIMER & JOHN SAMUEL HUNT.

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Description

The Plates are circular in form with a raised shaped rim decorated with gadrooning. The border is engraved on one side with a contemporary Armorial, with Coronet above and banner below engraved with the Motto "Tout Bien ou Rien - All Good, or none." The Armorial is flanked by supporters. The other side is engraved with a contemporary Crest below a Coronet. The Plates are in excellent condition and are very well marked on the reverse in addition to the retailers stamp of MORTIMER & HUNT and the pattern number 466.The arms are those of Charles, Baron Barham (1781-1866) and his wife Lady Frances Jocelyn (1814-1885) who he married as his 4th wife in 1833. In 1841 he had the Earldom of Gainsborough revived for him. Charles was born Charles Edwardes, and changed his name to Noel in 1798. He served as Member of Parliament for Rutland from 1808 to 1814 and succeeded his mother as Baron Barham in 1823. In 1841 he had the Noel family titles of Baron Noel, Viscount Campden and Earl of Gainsborough revived for him. The Gainsborough family estate is Exton in Rutland. An image of the 1st Earl and Exton Hall is shown.The partnership of Mortimer & Hunt descended from the Paul Storr Firm. Chronology of the firm: Storr & Co. (1819-22), Storr & Mortimer (1822-1838), Hunt & Mortimer (1839-1843), Hunt & Roskell (1843-1897) acquired by J.W. Benson 1889, Hunt & Roskell Ltd. (1897-c.1965). J.S. Hunt was admitted into the partnership, but the firm continued as Storr & Mortimer until Storr's retirement on 31st December 1838. Trading thereafter as Hunt & Mortimer, the partners were John Samuel Hunt, his son John Hunt, both of whom, representing the firm, are recorded at 17 (26) Harrison Street, Gray's Inn Road, and John Mortimer. Upon the latter's retirement on 26th December 1843, the style of the firm was changed to Hunt & Roskell, listed at 156 New Bond Street and at their manufactory at 26 Harrison Street, as silversmiths and jewellers to her Majesty. The crown above their maker's mark denotes their Royal appointment.Diameter: 9.5 inches, 23.75 cm.Weight: 228oz in weight, the set.

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