

THE HARWARDEN CASTLE DISHES. a VERY FINE SET OF
FOUR gEORGE iii sERVING dISHES & cOVERS. mADE IN
IONDON IN 1801 BY rOBERT sHARP.

£15,500



Description

The Dishes are of an elegant cushion shaped form with incuse corners. The bases rise to a stepped rim decorated with applied gadrooning. The stepped, domed, pull-off cushion shaped cover rises to an oval platform, also decorated with gadrooning and terminating in a reed and crossed branch oval finial. The front of each cover is engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by a cartouche of drapery mantling and the bases with a contemporary Crest. All pieces are fully marked and the bases are engraved with their original scratch weighs in addition to their numbers within the dinner service. The Dishes are in excellent condition and are of a wonderful weight. The Arms are those of Glynne, for Sir Stephen Richard Glynne, 8th Baronet (1780-1815) of Harwarden Castle. He was born posthumously and came of age in 1801, the year he commissioned his dinner service from Robert Sharp. He married Mary, daughter of Richard Aldworth Nevile, 2nd Lord Braybrooke, in 1806. They had three children, a son also named Stephen Richard, who succeeded his father as the 9th baronet in 1815, a second son Henry who entered the church and a daughter Catherine (d1900) who married the Rt. Hon William Ewart Gladstone (1809-1898) M.P. and Liberal Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on four occasions. Robert Sharp was a quite exceptional silversmith who was apprentice to Gawen Nash. Either alone or with Daniel Smith, his output is always of the finest quality in terms of both design and production. He made much dinner plate and services and with Robert Sharp contributed to the Royal Plate at Carlton House made for the Prince of Wales, later King George IV. Length: 10.45 inches, 26.13 cm. Width: 8.5 inches, 21.25 cm. Height: 6.5 inches, 16.25 cm. Weight: An Outstanding 272 oz, the set.