

THE MINSTEAD MANOR SOUP PLATES. A very fine set of six George III Soup Plates made in London in 1811 by William & John Frisbee.

Sold



Description

The Soup Plates are circular in form with a deep bowl and raised, stepped, rim decorated with gadrooning. The border is very finely engraved with a contemporary Armorial surrounded by a crossed branch and foliate scroll cartouche. The Plates are in excellent condition, with a fine patina and crisp marks on the reverse. Sets of soup plates, from the Georgian period, are very rare as they were produced in very limited numbers.

The Armorial is that of Compton, with Mills in pretense. They are therefore, specifically those of Henry Combe Compton (1789-1866) and his wife Charlotte, daughter of William Mills, MP for Bisterne, County Hants. They married in 1810, therefore it is highly probable, that these soup plates were made to celebrate their marriage. Compton was MP for South Hants (Conservative 1835-1857). His son Francis was a very distinguished man, an MP, lawyer and well known gentleman cricketer. The family seat was Minstead Manor House, near Lyndhurst, Hants, an image of which is attached. In addition a painting of Henry Combe Compton on horseback, by John Ferneley, is also attached.

The work of William Frisbee is exceptional, as he was for some time in partnership with the great Paul Storr. John Frisbee was the son of William who was apprentice to his father. The maker's mark on the plates was entered in 1811, therefore these represent an early example of their work in partnership. Pieces which bear their mark in partnership, do not appear on the market often.

Diameter: 9.5 inches, 23.75 cm.

Height: 1.2 inches, 3cm.

Weight: 119 oz, the set.