

The Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey) Serving Dishes. A very unusual pair of George III Hexagonal Serving Dishes made in London in 1782 by Daniel Smith & Robert Sharp.

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Description

These very unusual dishes have a deep cushion hexagonal form, with a shaped rim, decorated with beading. This is a most unusual form to see in dish design from this period and both are in excellent condition. All are engraved with a contemporary Crest surrounded by a Motto and a Coronet above. The dishes are both well marked on the reverse and are engraved with their scratch weight and their number within the dinner service. The crest is that of Herbert, for Henry Herbert, 1st Baron Porchester of Highclere, co. Southampton, later 1st Earl Carnarvon (1741-1811). He was created a baron in 1780 and elevated to an earldom in 1793. Highclere Castle was used as Downton Abbey in the British television series and three films. Daniel Smith & Robert Sharp were very fine silversmiths who made silver for George IV, when Prince of Wales, when he was furnishing Carlton House on The Mall in London. Height: 1.4 inches, 3.5 cm. Diameter: 8.5 inches, 21.25 cm. Weight: 34oz, the pair