

Irish George III Sterling Silver Pierced Oval Basket with Handle. Dublin 1775.

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Description

Extremely attractive Irish George III sterling silver pierced oval basket with handle.

Maker: John Locker. Dublin 1775.

The body is decorated with wheat sheaves while the border has flowers and leaves. The base is beautifully engraved with a contemporary coat of arms and the motto RIGHT CAN NEVER DIE. The oval, pierced foot is finished with a band of gadrooning. The simple design of the handle echoes that of the sides of the basket.

The full set of hallmarks and makers mark are clearly stamped among the piercing of the body just below one side of the handle. The underside of the handle is stamped with the Hibernia assay mark.

ARMS: TOLER for John Toler, 1st Earl of Norbury. As Attorney-General for Ireland, he was responsible for the prosecution of those involved in the Irish Rebellion of 1798.

Political history:

1770 - John Toler was called to the Irish Bar

1781 - Appointed a Kings Counsel

1773 to 1780 - Returned to the Irish Parliament for Tralee

1783 to 1790 - Represented Philipstown

1790 until The Act of Union in 1801 represented Gorey

1789 to 1798 - Appointed Solicitor General for Ireland

1798 - Promoted to Attorney General for Ireland and sworn in

Titles:

1797 - Created a Baron

1827 - Created an Earl

John Locker was Warden of the Goldsmiths Company of Dublin from 1775 until he became Master in 1779.

This is a splendid basket and would grace any dining table.

Width: Top 10.7 inches (27.3cm) Base 5.7 inches(14.5cm)

Length: Top 13.4 inches (34cm) Base 7.5 inches (19cm)

Height: 3.3 inches (8.5cm)

Height with handle: 10.3 inches (26.2cm)

Weight: 23 troy ounces (746 grams)