

George III shell butter dish  
RICHARD SIBLEY

Sold



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## Description

Very visually appealing sterling silver shell-shaped butter dish of extremely good gauge standing on three whelk feet. Made in London in 1816 by Richard Sibley I. The finger grip at the end of the shell is curled over and scrolled to simulate a wave. The body of the shell shows signs of earlier gilding which has now virtually worn off. The makers mark and the full set of hallmarks are very clearly stamped on the reverse of the shell. A crest is engraved beneath the hallmarks comprising a tuft of reed vert, surrounded by a girdle on which the motto is written: NISI. VIRTUS. VILIOR. ALGA. (Viler than the sea-weed without virtue).

Size :- 4 inches (10.2 cm) wide x 3.7 inches (9.4 cm) long x 1.5 inches (3.8 cm) high to top of scroll handle

Weight :- 4.4 ozt (136.5 g)