



Five Centuries: Furniture & Works of Art inc. Property of the Earls of Crawford & Balcarres (609)

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Lot 170

Estimate: £1000 - £1200 + Fees

FINE PAIR OF PERRIN GEDDES PRINCE OF WALES SERVICE WINE GLASSES CIRCA 1806-1810

the slightly flared bowls finely engraved with the Prince of Wales crest and motto ICH DIEN, above a rope band and wrythen bowl bases, on octagonal stems with diamond cut knops and ending in star cut eight-pointed bases

Qty: 2

11cm high; rim diameter 6.5cm; foot diameter 6.8cm

Note: In 1806 the Prince of Wales visited Liverpool. In gratitude, the Council ordered a huge suite of table glass for him from the local manufacturer Perrin, Geddes & Co. of Warrington. When it arrived, the Prince thanked them for 'the most beautiful and ornamental specimens he ever saw of this valuable manufacture'. The suite took over a year to make, and probably involved the work of a number of craftsmen. The local glass-cutter John Unsworth, who styled himself 'Manufacturer to His Majesty and to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales', may have been one.

For a full discussion of the service made by the Warrington glasshouse of Perrin Geddes and Co., see Cherry and Richard Gray, 'The Prince's Glasses, Some Warrington Cut Glass 1806-11', Journal of the Glass Association, 2, 1987.