The Wentworth-Fitzwilliam Inkstand.

Joseph Preedy

REF: 10906

Width: 47.3 cm (18.6") Weight: 6.329 kg

£75,000

A monumental George III silver inkstand, makers mark J (pellet) P in oval probably for Joseph Preedy, London, 1802

The arms on one side are those of Fitzwilliam for William, 4th Earl Fitzwilliam (1748-1833), married in 1770 Lady Charlotte Ponsonby, 2nd daughter of William, 2nd Earl of Bessborough; he was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1795.

The arms on the other side are those of Hatfield quartering Kaye with Wentworth in pretence. Augusta, sister and co-heiress of Frederick Thomas Wentworth, 3rd Earl of Stratford, married in 1772 John Hatfield Kaye of Hatfield Hall, Yorks. She died in 1802 without issue,

bequeathing her estate to Fredrick Vernon Wentworth of Wentworth Castle. It has been suggested that this inkstand, made the year of her death, was a bequest to William, 4th Earl Fitzwilliam, her distant cousin.

Provenance:
Hon. Augusta Hatfield Kaye
William, 4th Earl Fitzwilliam and by descent
Christies London June 9, 1948, "Property of the Rr. Hon. The Earl of Fitzwilliam D.S.C., removed from Wentworth Woodhouse, Yorks," lot 79, the mark given to John Parker