



A Queen Anne Britannia Silver Coffee Pot, James Chadwick?, London, 1703



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Signature : James Chadwick?

Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Sterling silver

Width : 22

Height : 24,5

Depth : 11

Description

Description A Queen Anne Britannia silver coffee pot, James Chadwick?, London, 1703 Coffee pot with a truncated-conical body. The body is entirely decorated in repoussé and finely chased with a dense decorative repertoire of foliate scrolls, floral motifs, rocaille elements and asymmetrical cartouches. Domed lid, hinged and richly worked with floral garlands. The Heraldic Cartouche: displays a finely engraved noble coat of arms, surmounted by a knightly helmet. The lower section features a cartouche bearing the Latin motto: ORTITER GERIT CRUCEM (He bears the cross with fortitude), historically associated with the ancient family and genealogy of the Perots. The Commemorative Inscription: on the opposite side of the body is an inscription dating from the mid-19th century,

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which reads: Presented to the Revd J. S. Perot /
by the / Parishioners of Smith's Parish /
BERMUDA / 1848 (Presented to the Reverend J.
S. Perot by the parishioners of Smith's Parish,
Bermuda, 1848).Close examination of the silver
handle reveals the presence of distinct
Victorian-period hallmarks. In early 18th-century
coffee pots and chocolate pots, cast silver handles
were extremely rare or absent, in favour of
handles made entirely of fine wood or carved
ivory. These organic materials were chosen
because they did not conduct the heat of the
boiling liquid to the hand of the person serving
it. Following the change of ownership of the
object and the subsequent commemorative
presentation made in the Bermuda Islands in
1848, the original wooden or ivory handle,
probably worn or deteriorated through age and
intensive use, was replaced by a Victorian
silversmith, probably commissioned by the
parishioners before the formal presentation to the
Reverend J. S. Perot.Britannia Silver with 4
Hallmarks:The Maker's Mark: James
Chadwick?Britannia: The Mark that indicates
Britannia SilverLion head erased: City of
LondonThe Date Letter: 1703Sterling Silver
Wood with 2 Hallmarks:The Lion Passant: The
Mark that indicates Sterling SilverDuty mark:
Head Queen VictoriaDimensions HxLxD 9,65in
x 8,66in x 4,33inWeight 32,45ozProvenience
Private collectionCondition Slight signs of
age-related wear and superficial scratches. The
four hallmarks are present on the side of the
coffee pot body. On the underside of the lid:
maker's mark and Britannia mark? On the handle:
lion passant and duty mark.