

Silver and Plate / Wednesday, 9th August 2023 / Lot 320



LOT 320

A pair of George III Irish silver snuffer trays, each of slender octagonal form, the centre engraved 'Royal Downshire Militia', Dublin 1794 by Gustavus Byrne, total weight 240.9g, length 25.3cm. Note: the Royal Downshire Militia was a citizens army established in Ireland in 1793 to counter the threat of the French revolutionary war spreading to Ireland. The militia operated as part time units and were in theory part of the regular army. The Royal Downshire was the largest of the Ulster Militia, under the command of Colonel Arthur Hill, 2nd Marquess of Downshire.

Estimate: £200 - £400

Condition Report

320. Both trays have solder repairs around the bases and have numerous small dents and areas of age related wear.

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