

TWO SETS OF TWELVE SILVER PLATES, FROM THE SILVER TABLE TREASURE OF THE HOUSE OF THURN UND TAXIS

Object Number: #407

First Set

Augsburg 1759/61

Johann Conrad Lotter

City hallmark: O crowned with a pyr for Augsburg 1759/61 (Seling 2007, p. 51, no. 2210)

Maker's mark: C and L intertwined for master **Johann Conrad Lotter** (see Seling 2007, p. 580, no. 2302)

Second Set

Augsburg 1759/61

7 plates **Adolf Carl Holm**

5 plates **Johann Conrad Lotter**

Maker's mark Lotter see above

Maker's mark Adolf Carl Holm, see Seling No.2434

Engraved with inventory numbers from below

diameter: 25 cm (10.03 inch); Diameter (mirror:): 18cm (7.08 inch), weight: each set

Pictures





Detailed Information

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The present two sets of 12 plates come from the silverware treasury of the House of Thurn and Taxis. The plates are curved in five arches and have a broad, profiled rim. The flag is undecorated, only one arch is decorated with the coat of arms of **Prince Alexander Ferdinand von Thurn und Taxis (1704-1772).**

Inventory numbers and weight information are engraved on the back. The hallmarks and maker's mark can also be found on the back of the plates.

Heraldry/Provenance

Prince Alexander Ferdinand of Thurn and Taxis succeeded his father Prince Anselm Franz. He had to fulfil important duties of representation in the Frankfurt Palace, since Emperor Charles VII entrusted him in 1743 with the dignity of the principal commissioner on the everlasting Imperial Diet (Reichstag in German). He lived a splendid life in style. His high demands in art served him to the development of the courtly splendour, to which the prince was much more determined than his predecessors. He acquired outstanding art objects and tableware by goldsmiths in Augsburg. Prince Alexander Ferdinand transferred his court to Regensburg not until 1748.

Maker

Johann Conrad Lotter was born in 1704. Worked as a silver worker and was son of George III. Lotter. He became master in 1738. In 1745 he married his Maria Catharina Weid (daughter of a silverturner). Johann Conrad Lotter died in 1779.

Adolph Karl Holm. Born around 1718 in Carlstatt/Sweden, became master 1755, died 1768

Provenance: Collection Thurn und Taxis

Literature

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