

LANGFORDS

Antique & Contemporary Silver

Pair Regency style silver mustard pots

James Dixon & Sons

Sold



REF: 4916

Height: 80 mm (3.15")

Diameter: 65 mm (2.56")

Weight: 462 g

Description

Pair of Regency style silver mustard pots with cast and applied lion mask and paw supports. The scroll handles are decorated with acanthus leaves and the rims of the pots are edged with wavy gadroon borders.

Mustard has been a popular condiment since medieval times and grand houses would appoint their very own mustarder, whose solely responsibility was to make sure the household mustard was always topped up. In those days mustard was used in dry powder form.

With growing popularity in the 18th century, mustard was produced in wet form and the desire for a specific container to serve it at the table. This spawned a variety of styles and designs, some of them novelty like this horse hoof.

The Regency period of Great Britain and Ireland was the almost ten year period at the end of George III's reign (1811-1820) when he was deemed to ill to rule and his son George ruled as prince regent.

The Regency is noted for its elegance and achievements in the fine arts and architecture at a time of great social, political, and economic change. Upper class society flourished in a sort of mini-Renaissance of culture and refinement and one of the greatest patrons of the arts and architecture was the Prince Regent himself (the future George IV).