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The Marital Arms of the Families of Rolle and Trefusis

The arms as engraved upon this Pair of George IV English Sterling Silver Meat Platters made by William Stroud, hallmarked London 1825 are those of the families of Rolle and Trefusis. These armorial bearings denote the marshalling of a marital coat showing on the dexter (the heraldic right on the left as you view the piece) the arms of the husband and on the sinister (the heraldic left on the right as you view it) the arms of the wife. They may be blazoned as follows:

Arms:

(on the dexter) **Or on a fess dancetty between three billets azure each charged with a lion rampant of the field as many bezants** (for Rolle)

Unusually, the arms of Rolle have placed on them an escutcheon of pretence which refers to Lord Rolle's first wife, Judith Maria Walrond, daughter and heiress of Henry Walrond, of Bovey in the County of Devon. The arms of Walrond being: **Argent three bulls' heads cabossed sable horned or**. Perhaps, Lord Rolle left the Walrond arms as escutcheon of pretence as a memorial to Judith. She died on the 1st October 1820 and there were no children from their marriage

(on the sinister) **Quarterly 1st and 4th Argent a chevron between three spindles sable** (for Trefusis) **2nd Or on a fess dancetty between three billets azure each charged with a lion rampant of the field as many bezants** (for Rolle) and **3rd**

Argent six cross crosslets fitchy sable three two and one on a chief azure two mullets or pierced gules (for Clinton)

[The shield being ensigned with a Baron's coronet]

Supporters: On the dexter: **A leopard regardant gules bezanty ducally crowned or**

On the sinister: **A greyhound argent collared and lined gules***

*Here it is interesting to note that Lord Rolle used as his sinister supporter one of the greyhound supporters taken from a Clinton ancestor of his second wife rather than another leopard which the Rolle barony generally used.

Motto: '**Nec rege nec populo sed utroque fidelis**' [Neither for king nor people, but for both] (for Rolle).

These armorial bearings undoubtedly commemorate the second marriage of John Rolle, 1st and last Baron Rolle (born 16th October 1756 died 3rd April 1842) and The Honourable Louisa Trefusis (born circa 1794 died 20th November 1885), the daughter of Robert George William Trefusis, 17th Baron Clinton, of Maxtock in the County of Warwick in the Peerage of England. They were married in 24th September 1822. As with Lord Rolle's first marriage there were no children from this marriage and the Barony of Rolle, of Stevenstone in the County of Devon which was created in the Peerage of Great Britain on the 20th June 1796 (as the second creation of this peerage within the family, the first being created on the 8th January 1747-8 became extinct in 1759) fell into extinction on the death of John in 1842.