

# Appendix B: Presents and Cost of the Amherst Embassy

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## Articles Ordered for the Embassy to China (in BL IOR MSS EUR F 140/38a)

<b>Presents ordered for the emperor:</b>	
<b>From Rundell &amp; Bridge</b>	
1 Gold Box with the Prince Regent's Portrait Set with Jewels	£1,575
1 Gold Salver & Vase	£840
	<b>£2,415</b>
<b>From Green &amp; Ward</b>	
1 Silver Waiter	£210
1 Silver Epergne	£187
4 Silver Dishes	£240
4 Silver Baskets	£200
4 Silver Stands	£240
1 Silver Plateau	£100
2 Pair Silver Cups & Saucers	£100
1 Pair Silver Candelabra	£250
1 Additional Set Glass Covers	£33
	<b>£1,560</b>
<b>From the Plate Glass Company</b>	
1 Looking Glass (134 inch by 70 inch)	£20
1 Looking Glass (132 inch by 67 inch)	£1,200
2 Convex Mirrors each 36 inch in diameter	£50

<b>Presents ordered for the emperor:</b>	
	<b>£1,270</b>
<b>From Parkers &amp; Perry</b>	
1 Large Glass Chandelier	£945
Sundry Articles, Cut Glass	£150
	<b>£1,095</b>
<b>From Blades</b>	
2 Superb Candelabra	£530
Sundry Articles, Cut Glass	£150
	£680
<b>Total</b>	<b>Carried over £7,020</b>

## Other presents:

- Broad cloths of the finest kinds made of soft Spanish wool—blue, plumb and yellow—the softer and finer the better
- Ermine and other superfine furs
- Portraits of their Majesties in their Coronation robes, to be housed in a gold box set with diamonds
- Another gold box set with stones to carry the Prince Regent's letter to the emperor
- Ornamental clocks—two for the Hall of audience
- Perfumes
- Liqueurs
- Porcelain sent to the emperor: a dessert service—white and gold scroll border with paintings of landscapes in colours consisting of 24 dessert plates, four shell dishes, four oval dishes, four square dishes, one centre dish and two cream bowls (£84.00)
- A large centre vase in French grey with white scrolls in relief with embossed gold and superb painting (£73.10.0)
- Large vases (Warwick form) rich white and gold design with borders of flowers richly painted in a straw colour (£42.00)
- A centre vase handles and gold designs with groups of flowers (£18.18) and a case (£6.5.0)
- Sedan chairs—two superb and elegantly finished and most richly ornamented packed in four cases (£802.12.6)

- Glassware/bottles/liqueurs including brandy and dried fruits (£399.12.6)
- Painting of Doncaster races packed in a case (£712.00)
- Engravings of the coast of England and Wales
- Presents for the ministers
- Lustres and chandeliers
- Hanging lamps
- Paintings of buildings and flowers, and views of the Thames including bridges and shipping
- Prints of distinguished persons
- Maps of Russia, England, Scotland and Ireland
- Charts of navigation from Europe to China
- Broadcloths, damasks, cutlery, razors, scissors and pen knives
- Porcelain, glass, cut glass, watches and clocks

Presents actually sent to the ministers included:

- Mirrors and frames
- Shades, glass and dessert services
- Decanters, centre bowls and cups
- Linens including 24 damask table cloths, superfine cloths, six reams of superfine and milled blue and gilt edge paper

Presents actually sent to the mandarins:

- Two silver liqueur frames with cut bottles and large oval dish
- Snuffs including Brazil snuff and Red Havana snuff
- Eight dozen glass bottles
- 12 Morocco Pocket books with gold locks
- 12 military telescopes

<b>Presents</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>
Presents ordered for the emperor	16,416.6.01
Other presents	668.1.08
Presents actually sent to the ministers	4,887.19.11
Presents actually sent to the mandarins	10,555.1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,005.13.7</b>

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