



Lansdowne

The wealth of carved, neoclassical detail on this chimney-piece reflects the genius of Robert Adam. Adam built Lansdowne House, Berkley Square, for the Marquess of Bute. The distinguished sculptor Thomas Carter (d.1795), regarded as 'the first statuaries of the kingdom', produced the original chimneypiece for the anteroom, which was designed by Adam. Financial extravagance eventually forced Bute to sell the half-finished house to Lord Shelburne, the then Prime Minister. In 1782, Shelburne and Benjamin Franklin drew up the treaty that led to the independence of the United States in the Round Room at Lansdowne House.

Dimensions

External height 59½in (151cm) width 78in (198.2cm)

Internal height 41¼in (104.8cm) width 47¼in (120cm)

Depth 7⅝in (19.5cm)