A very rare George III Wirework Globe Wax Jack made in London in 1797 by Henry Greenway

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Description

The Wax Jack stands on a circular pedestal foot decorated with gadrooning and with carrying handle attached, with oval thumbpiece above. The main body is modelled in the unusual globe form with wirework sides. The top of the globe lifts off, so that the wax can be coiled around a central bar. This example has a central platform top with a hole so that the wax can be fed through, and a drip pan beneath with gadrooned border. The Wax Jack has a conical extinguisher, with gadrooned base, attached to the main body with a chain. This piece is in excellent condition and is very well marked on each section.Very few Wax Jacks were made in the globe form and even fewer survived because of their fragile nature. Wax Jacks were used on the desk for sealing letters and also as a continual frame to light other candles from around the large, grand, houses.Henry Greenway was apprenticed to Charles Wright and entered his first mark on 24th November, 1775. He had workshops at 14, Gilt Spur Street, when this piece was made.Length: 5.6 inches, 14 cm.Central Diameter: 3.3 inches, 8.25 cmWeight: 8oz.

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