An extremely rare George III Saffron Pot made in London in 1787 by Robert Hennell.

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Description

The Saffron Pot is modelled in the straight sided oval form, with flat hinged cover, which was a popular design in the 1780's. This fine example displays a straight tapering spout, engraved at the end with foliate motifs and scroll handle, with silver sockets, where it is attached to the main body. The sides are beautifully engraved with unusual linear bands and roundels on a prick dot ground. The front and reverse display a bright cut navette shaped cartocuhe, with tied ribbons above. The cover also displays a turned fruit wood finial, terminating in a stylised silver urn finial, surrounded by a bright cut starburst surround. This piece is in excellent condition and is very well marked on the base and with the sterling mark on the underside of the cover. This piece is of a very good gauge and colour.During the whole course of the Eighteenth Century a number of samll, (but otherwise identical to their full size brethren), Teapots were produced, particularly from 1725 to 1775. These were used as Saffron Pots and very few examples from this period survive today. Only a small number were made at this date and this is a particularly rare example. Saffron Tea would have been made in this small pot and the infusion taken to cleanse the body and mind. Saffron was exceptionally expensive at this date, the height of luxury, only afforded by the wealthiest, and most noble, individuals in society.Height: 3.6 inches, 9cm.Length, handle to spout: 8 inches, 20 cm.Width: 2.75 inches, 6.88 cm.Wight: 8oz.

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