An unusual pair of early George III Tea Caddies, in the original satinwood case. Made in London in 1770 by Samuel White.

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Description

The Tea Caddies have a deep rectangular form with plain bodies standing on a stepped reeded foot. The hinged cover has a reeded edge and is engraved with a crisp, beautiful, border of stylized flower heads in roundels, and scrolls, on a scratch engraved ground, contained within a bright cut frame. The covers can be opened by the central flower head finial on the cover. Each caddy is fully marked on the base and with the maker’s mark and sterling mark on the cover.The caddies are contained within their original satinwood, green velvet lined, case. The hinges, lock and carrying handle are also made of silver. From the size, it may be that this set was used when travelling, to carry two different types of tea. The case has a fully functioning lock, with steel key.Over the years we have had tea caddies and teapots by Samuel White, very often of unusual design. He was apprentice to John Swift, which would account for the quality of these caddies. He was free in February, 1766, and had workshops in Oat Lane when these caddies were made.Caddies:Height: 3.75 inches, 9.38 cm.Length: 3.6 inches, 9 cm.Width: 2.5 inches, 6.25 cm.Weight: 24oz, the pair.Case:Height: 4.75 inches, 11.88 cm.Length: 6.1 inches, 15.25 cm.Width: 4.5 inches, 11.25 cm.

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