

An exceptionally fine & rare Table Snuff Box made in London in 1845
by Rawlings & Summers.

Sold



Description

The Snuff Box is of broad rectangular form and has slightly incuse corners. The cover displays an outer cast raised border of trailing foliage and flower heads in bloom. This border encloses an exceptionally engraved panel of pluming scrolls and trellis work, around a vacant shield shaped cartouche. The cover also displays exotic birds, as well as a male figure in period costume with hat, dancing, and a woman with a dog looking loyally at her. The female figure is engraved with a face depicting the two ages of woman. The sides are also engraved with crisp pluming scroll and trellis work, as well as an unusual scene on each side including a lake scene with Chinese buildings, a seated monk holding a cross and female figure, a second lake scene with boats and a very unusual panel depicting a male and female figure climbing a mountain. The base is also beautifully decorated with the same pluming scroll work around a shaped rectangular plain panel. This is some of the finest and most unusual engraved work we have ever seen on a Snuff Box. This is not surprising when the makers are considered, as they were making the finest boxes in London at this date.

The interior is very well marked and displays original gilding. The interior of the cover is also engraved with the contemporary inscription:

Presented

to

L.W. Vaile Esqr

Chief Officer of the Ship Barham

By Her Passengers

On the voyage from India

April 19th 1848

This box is of the finest quality, is of an exceptional weight and is in excellent condition.

Length: 3.5 inches, 8.75cm.

Width: 2.2 inches, 5.5cm.

Height: 1.1 inches, 2.75cm.

Weight: 9oz.