# An important George IV Silver Gilt Armorial Snuff Box made in London in 1820 by Samuel Pemberton

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Description

The Snuff Box is one of the finest made by Samuel Pemberton which we have ever offered.  This example is modelled in a deep broad rectangular form the cover engraved with a contemporary Armorial, with Crest above, and Motto below, all surrounded by an engine turned frame and then a raised crisp border of flower heads in bloom and raying sea shells.  The sides are also engraved with engine turning and the front displays a beautiful protruding thumb piece decorated with pluming foliate scrolls and flower heads.The box displays an engine turned base, with plain outer frame, all surrounding a central cartouche engraved with: PresentedThe first year of the ReignofHis Majesty George IVthAD 1820 The cover opens up to reveal a finely gilded interior and the presentation inscription from: The Aldermen of Skinners Alley,In testimony of their high regardforPublic and Private Worthand to evince their senseof hisDistinguished Services:Present this tribute of respectto HIS EXCELLENCYAlderman John Kingston James,theirGOVERNOR Sir John Kingston James, 1st Baronet (28 April 1784 – 1869) was a Dublin wine merchant who was twice elected Lord Mayor of Dublin.He was the son of Francis James of King's County (now County Offaly). Trading as a wine merchant, he was elected Sheriff of Dublin for 1811–12 and an alderman of Dublin Corporation in 1818. In 1815 he was accepted as a member of the prestigious Dublin Society.He was elected Lord Mayor of the city for the first time for 1821–1822, and was knighted by the Lord Lieutenant, the Marquess of Wellesley, in 1822 and created a baronet (of Dublin) on the 19 March 1823.He became a director of the Grand Canal Company of Ireland, serving as its chairman in 1826, 1834 and 1842, the Dublin and Drogheda Railway Company and the Bank of Ireland (1845, 1847, 1849, 1851, and 1853–68). In 1840 he was elected Lord Mayor of Dublin for a second annual term.He died in 1869. He had married Charlotte Rebecca, the daughter of alderman John Cash, with whom he had 8 children and was succeeded in the baronetcy by their eldest son Sir John James, 2nd Baronet. The baronetcy has since become extinct.The box is of exceptional quality and is in outstanding condition, displaying crisp marks in the cover and base. Length: 3.15 inches, 7.88 cm.Width: 2.45 inches, 6.13 cm.Height: 1.15 inches, 2.88 cmWeight: 6oz.


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