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Antique Georgian Silver Large Tobacco Box with Crest - James Phipps I (London) c.1770

Price

GBP 850

| USD \$1,150 | EUR 995

Item Reference: SA1006417

Date of manufacture: Georgian

Description

We are delighted to offer this wonderful Georgian solid silver tobacco/snuff box with the marks of James Phipps I (London) c.1770. This silver circular box is made with superb proportions, larger than the norm yet not too bulky to disrupt usage; it has the most wonderful feel in hand where the curved edges and the size fits perfectly in one's palm. Interestingly, whilst snuff boxes normally have a hinge (between the lid and base), tobacco boxes of the 18th century tend to have a relatively simple 'pull-off' design. Whilst the precise reason for such a design choice is not ascertained (as of yet), some theories suggest that loose tobacco leaves for pipes would require more time and preparation in comparison to pinching snuff which could be done on the go. As such, tobacco boxes did not require a hinge as it would be used whilst sitting down/placing the box and lid down as opposed to a snuff box which would be rapidly opened and closed for a single pinch. Such unique factors in comparison to a snuff box and the scarcity of such tobacco boxes make these boxes a further collectable item. Furthermore, due to its accommodating size, in the modern day, it may also be...

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