

SA1034008

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George III period
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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1034008

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 42 cm (16.5")

Width = 32 cm (12.6")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

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