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Price

GBP 3,300

| USD \$4,499 | EUR 3,851

Item Reference: SA1231461**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 11 cm (4.3")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

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