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English Earthenware Commode-Shaped Teapot with Widow Finial, c.1810

Price

GBP 300

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Item Reference: SA1232653**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

An unusual early 19th-century English earthenware teapot, dating from circa 1810 and made in the distinctive form known as the Commode Shape. This exact form is documented in Philip Miller and Michael Berthoud, *An Anthology of British Teapots*, plate 905, p. 151, where it is described as Commode Shape, of unidentified earthenware manufacture, circa 1810, and decorated in pink, iron green and red. The teapot has a distinctive panelled body with broad flat sides and prominent vertical corner ribs, picked out with paired iron-green enamel marks resembling rivet heads. A moulded band of vertical tongues runs around the lower edge, while a high undulating collar surrounds the deeply recessed cover. The form reflects the influence of contemporary Georgian metal teaware. The angular D-shaped handle is paired with a long faceted S-curved spout, finished at the tip with a hand-painted puce shell motif. Inside is an original seven-hole strainer, pierced before firing. One of the most distinctive features is the sculptural cover finial, modelled as the Mourning Widow or Sibyl, a seated grieving female figure. The figure was separately moulded and attached to the cover with slip, a...

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