

ADMIRAL LORD NELSON. An exceptionally rare George III Nile
Teapot made in London in 1808 by Solomon Hougham.

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Description

This important Teapot stands on four ball feet and has a broad rectangular baluster form, rising to a shaped, everted, gadrooned rim. The stepped domed cover terminates in a stylised wide urn finial, also decorated with gadrooning. This piece has a plain scroll spout and harp shaped handle, with boxwood insulators. Most unusually the Teapot displays an upper frieze of exceptionally executed engraving, on a prick dot ground, depicting stylised Egyptian Hieroglyphics, including sea serpents, crocodiles and a sphinx. The front of the main body is also engraved with a set of contemporary script initials. The Teapot is in excellent, crisp, condition and is fully marked on the base and with the sterling mark and date letter on the cover.

After Admiral Lord Nelson was killed at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 there was an outpouring of grief for our National Hero and various souvenirs were made of his life. Two items were Campaign Vinaigrettes and Snuff Boxes which celebrated his Egyptian Campaigns, predominantly the Battle of the Nile. Nile boxes and vinaigrettes are extremely rare, however this is the first time we have ever seen a larger piece of domestic silver celebrating the life of Nelson and his Egyptian campaigns. This is a highly important and exceptional example of commemorative British silver.

Length: 11.5 inches, 28.75cm.

Width: 5.2 inches, 13cm.

Height: 6.5 inches, 16.25cm.

Weight: 27oz