DUBLIN. An extremely rare George IV Saffron Teapot made in Dublin in 1826 by Richard Sawyer.

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Description

The Teapot stands on four ball feet and the main body is decorated with a band of bold lobes. The upper section displays a most unusual band of scrolls interspersed with shamrocks, thistles and roses, the emblems of Ireland, Scotland and England. The slightly domed cover terminates in a fruitwood finial and is engraved with a contemporary Crest. This piece has a harp shaped handle and is very well marked on the base and on the cover. This is the first time we have seen an Irish example and only a handful are known to exist, especially decorated with the National emblems.
During the whole course of the Georgian period a number of small, (but otherwise identical to their full sized brethren) Teapots were produced, particularly from 1725 to 1830. These were used as Saffron Pots and very few examples from this period survive today. Only a small number were made at this date and this is a particularly rare early example. Saffron tea would have been made in this pot and the infusion taken to cleanse the body and mind. Saffron was exceptionally expensive at this date, the height of luxury, only afforded by the wealthiest, and most noble, individuals in society.Length, handle to spout: 7.5 inches, 18.75cm.
Height: 4 inches, 10cm.
Width: 4 inches, 10cm.
Weight: 10oz.

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