

NELSON & THE BATTLE OF THE NILE. A very rare George III Battle of the Nile Vinaigrette made in Birmingham in 1805 by Samuel Pemberton.

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Description

After Nelson died in 1805 there was an outpouring of grief for our National Hero and various souvenirs of his life were made. One item was a campaign Vinaigrette which celebrated his Egyptian campaigns, predominantly The Battle of the Nile. The Vinaigrette we now offer is one such piece. As you will see from the images, the Vinaigrette is of an unusual large, slender, broad rectangular form. The cover is curiously engraved with stylised Egyptian Hieroglyphics and river serpents on a prick dot engraved ground. The sides are engraved with prick dot bands and the base displays a wide Greek key frame. The interior reveals very fine interior gilding and a very rare grille pierced and engraved with a floral sprig surrounded by an oval cartouche flanked by laurel branches, a symbol of triumph and victory. The Vinaigrette is in excellent condition and is very well marked.

As you will appreciate, this is an extremely rare Vinaigrette. Although we have had a Nelson Campaign Snuff Box, this is only the second time we have offered a Vinaigrette. This is more desirable, as it was made in 1805, the year Nelson died. Nelson items are scarce and desired all around the World. A painting of Nelson is attached, as well as a painting of the Battle of the Nile, showing "Orient" exploding at the battle.

Length: 1.95 inches, 4.88cm.

Width: 1.45 inches, 3.63cm