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Item A REGENCY ROSEWOOD DESK TIDY

Date England, circa 1800.

Dimensions Height 4 1/2" (11.5cm) Width 12 3/8" 31.5cm) Depth 4 5/8" (10.5)

Description *The birdcage-form open-sided box, having a central divider, two outward sloping shaped ends and an inset handle; small marks commensurate with age and use.*

Indian rosewood, at the turn of the 18th century, was the most expensive imported cabinetwood and therefore every piece unused from larger articles of furniture would have been saved for small items, such as Canterburys, writing boxes, tea caddies and desk furniture.

This sophisticated small tray, which would have been displayed on a desk or writing table, has been very carefully designed using a piece of curved grain timber for the pierced central divider as a backdrop to the open sides, which have boat-form ends giving an unusual shape as well as facilitating access to letters and pens.

Price £1,900

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