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Georgian Cut Glass Celery Vase, Circa 1800

£65

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Height: 25 cm (9.8")

Diameter: 15 cm (5.9")

Description

A refined Georgian cut glass celery vase, dating to circa 1800, with an elegant flared form and delicately scalloped rim. Made at a time when the presentation of food was an important part of formal dining, this distinctive vessel was designed specifically to hold celery upright in water and display it at the centre of the table.

The vase is beautifully cut with crisp decorative facets that catch and reflect the light, while the scalloped upper edge gives the piece a graceful and unusually decorative finish. Its clear glass body allows the pale green stems of celery to become part of the table arrangement-an effect prized in Georgian and Regency dining rooms, where fashionable vegetables were often presented as part of an elaborate dessert or supper service.

Celery vases became a recognisable feature of well-appointed British tables during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Their purpose was both practical and theatrical: the water kept the celery fresh, while the vessel elevated a fashionable and relatively costly ingredient into a decorative centrepiece. Today, they remain highly collectable objects, valued for their specialist function, charming social history, and sculptural presence.

A lovely example of Georgian table glass, equally effective when used for flowers or displayed as a decorative object. Its classic form and sparkling cut decoration make it a versatile addition to a collection of period glass, an elegant dining table, or an English country-house interior.

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