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Georgian Cut Steel Tassel Bangle, Circa 1770

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Height: 0.5 cm (0.2")

Diameter: 7 cm (2.8")

Description

An elegant 18th-century Georgian cut steel bangle, dating to circa 1770, distinguished by a beautifully articulated cut-steel tassel. The bangle is composed of faceted steel elements, each precisely cut and polished to catch the light with the glittering effect of gemstones.

During the Georgian period, cut steel became a fashionable and ingenious alternative to more costly diamond jewellery. Its appeal lay in the remarkable brilliance achieved through meticulous hand-cutting and polishing: each tiny facet reflects light with a crisp, silvery sparkle. This example is especially appealing for its tassel ornament, which adds movement, texture, and a touch of theatrical elegance to the restrained form of the bangle.

The articulated tassel would have shimmered with every gesture, lending the jewel a lively, fashionable presence. Such pieces were designed to be worn in candlelit evening settings, where the reflective surfaces of the cut steel would have been particularly effective.

A fine and highly wearable example of late Georgian jewellery, combining technical craftsmanship with the delicate decorative character of the period. It would make a distinguished addition to a collection of Georgian jewellery, cut-steel ornaments, or historic fashion accessories.

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