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Rare Lowestoft Blue and White Porcelain Bowl, Circa 1765

£170

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Height: 6 cm (2.4")

Diameter: 12 cm (4.7")

Description

A rare and finely made Lowestoft porcelain bowl, painted in underglaze blue in the Chinese style and dating to circa 1765. This elegant example belongs to the early years of the Lowestoft factory, whose porcelain was admired for its lightness, delicacy, and accomplished interpretation of imported East Asian designs.

The bowl is decorated in cobalt blue with a hand-painted design inspired by Chinese export porcelain. Its restrained palette and softly rendered ornament give it a graceful, timeless quality, while the translucent porcelain body and carefully shaped profile reflect the refinement of early English porcelain manufacture. Like the best Lowestoft wares, it balances the influence of Chinese ceramics with a distinctly English sensibility.

Founded in Suffolk in around 1757, the Lowestoft factory was one of the important provincial porcelain manufactories of the 18th century. Its blue and white wares were produced during a period when Chinese porcelain remained an essential source of inspiration for European potters, yet genuine Lowestoft pieces are now prized for their own distinctive character and relative rarity.

A charming and increasingly sought-after survivor of Georgian tableware, this bowl would make a notable addition to a collection of Lowestoft, English blue and white porcelain, or 18th-century ceramics. It is equally attractive as a decorative object, bringing subtle colour, history, and elegance to a table, cabinet, or display.

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