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'ENGRAVED WITH A COMMON PENKNIFE BY C.H WOOD WHO HAD THE DISTINGUISHED HONOUR OF PRESENTING ONE SIMILAR TO HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY QUEEN VICTORIA, JUN. 1845'
(SMALL CHIP WITH A HAIRLINE FISSURE TO ONE EDGE)
CIRCA JUNE 1845
SIZE: 14CM HIGH, 16CM DEEP, 8.5CM WIDE – 5½ INS HIGH, 6¼ INS DEEP, 3¼ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

THE SS GREAT WESTERN WAS THE FIRST STEAMSHIP PURPOSELY BUILT FOR THE ATLANTIC CROSSING AND WAS DESIGNED BY THE GREAT RAILWAY ENGINEER ISAMBARD KINGDOM BRUNEL. BRUNEL ALSO DESIGNED THE REVOLUTIONARY SHIP THE SS GREAT BRITAIN WHICH IN 1843 WAS THE LARGEST SHIP AFLOAT AT MORE THAN 100 FEET LONGER THAN HER RIVALS, CONSTRUCTED OF IRON AND WAS THE FIRST OCEAN GOING SCREW PROPELLED SHIP AS WELL AS BEING RIGGED AS A SIX MASTED TOP SAIL SCHOONER.