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YOURS, &C.

Silver Seal Fob

Initials HVR · a Georgian farewell

A letter, folded and closed with a drop of warm wax, then pressed with a personal seal: this was how correspondence often traveled in Georgian England. The impression both secured the letter and named its sender.

This little silver fob, in the manner of the late eighteenth century, has a face engraved in reverse: a ribbon reading "YOURS," the abbreviation "&c," and the flowing initials HVR. Pierced scrollwork rises above a stepped, faceted base.

"Yours, &c." was a familiar closing. The "&c" stands for et cetera, "and the rest": a short way of leaving the usual courtesies understood, rather than writing them all out.

Turned in wax, those letters rise in relief: a small farewell, still ready to close a note.

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