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18th century German coloured gold rectangular box by Les Freres Toussaint, Hanau c.1760, formerly Rothschild family collection, chased and engraved with figural decoration in yellow, rose, lemon gold and silver,

the cover featuring a scene of a couple to an architectural background, defined by foliate ribbon within a polished gold frame and a frieze of Greek keys with rosette at each corner, the fluted side panels applied with vine tendrils held by putti and winged nymphs and flanked by pilaster headed by putto mask, within Greek key frieze, the underside with two lovers within a ribbon frame on polished ground, within a sable border applied with flower garlands, marked inside the cover, body and side and on flange, further stamped with number 5 and later French control mark Length 8.3cm / 3½"

Width 6.2cm / 2 3/8"

Height 3.8cm / 1½" Weight: 269g