

Flintlock Officer's Pistol made by Tatham & Egg for the King of Hannover



This pistol is really rather special, it was made for Ernest Augustus I (15th June 1771 -18th November 1851), the fifth son and eighth child of George III, born in England and created Duke of Cumberland and Teviotdale in 1799.

He became King of Hannover when his niece Victoria became Queen of the United Kingdom in 1837.

With 10 inch blued sighted round barrel, the top flat with maker's stamp.



Two platinum lines at the breech.....



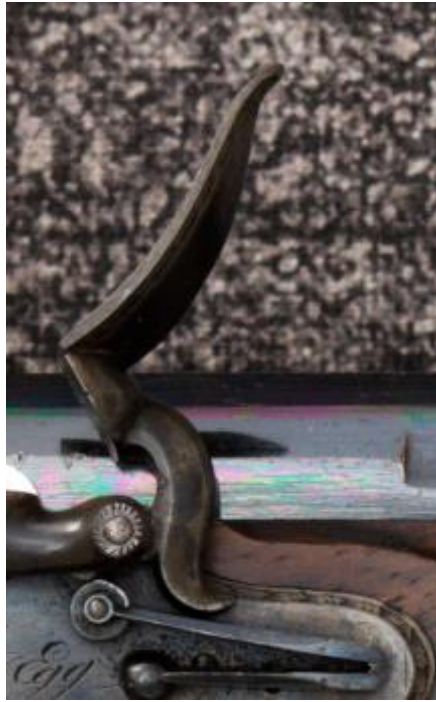
..... and platinum touch hole....



.....finely engraved tang.....

Bevel edged signed and finely engraved lock with French cock.....





.... roller frizzen.....



.....and safety bolt.

Large trigger guard with pineapple finial.....



.....and floral decorative wrist plaque...



..... silver barrel bolt escutcheons....



....and silver wrist escutcheon with the Royal crest of the Duke of Cumberland including the motto "Honi soit qui mal y pense".

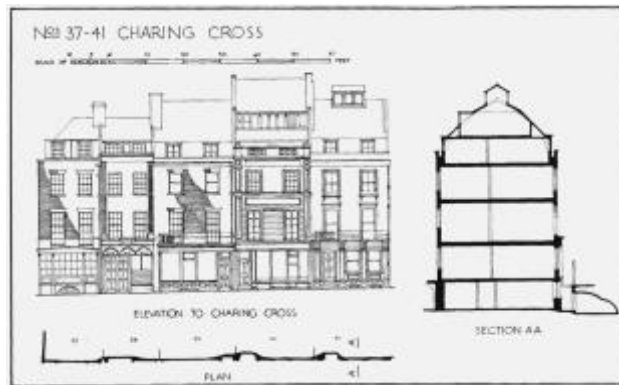


Original iron tipped ramrod with capped screw.

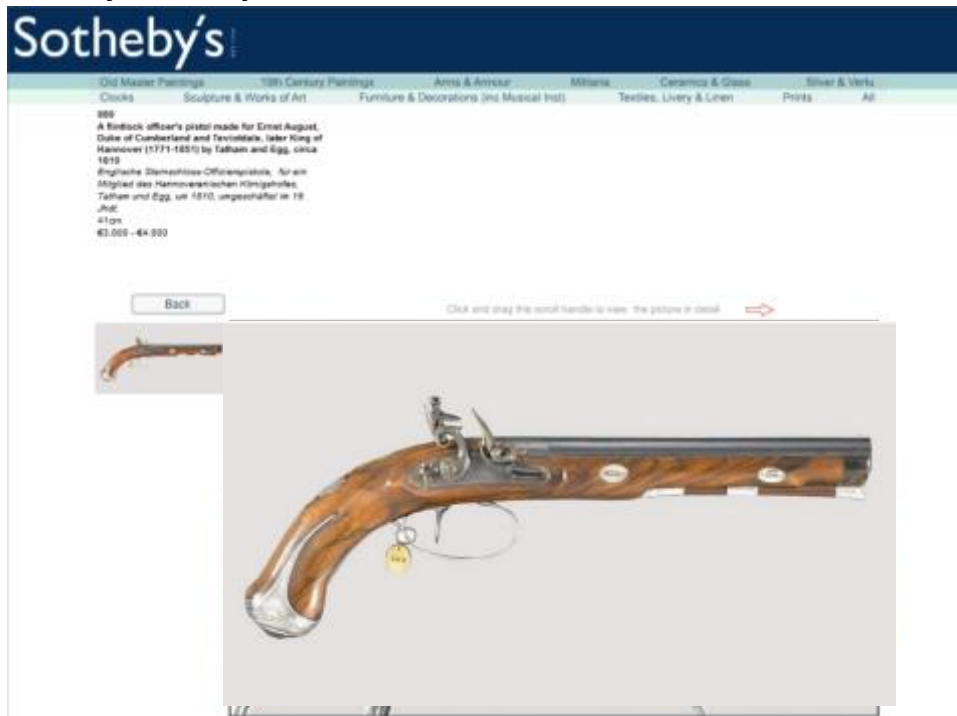


Tatham and Egg

Henry Tatham [senior], fourth son of Ralph Tatham and Elizabeth Bloxham, was born 31 Dec 1770, at 61, Frith Street, St. Anne's, Westminster, otherwise known as Frith Street, Soho. On his first marriage in 1798, he was described as Sword Cutler to the King. He appears in 1808 as "Tatham and Egg, Gun-Makers and Sword-Cutlers to His Majesty, 37, Charing Cross;" and at the same address in 1817-1822 directories, as "Henry Tatham, Gun-Maker and Sword-Cutler."



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This pistol was part of one the most historical and important auctions ever conducted by Sotheby's - WORKS OF ART FROM THE ROYAL HOUSE OF HANOVER conducted at Schloss Marienburg 5th October - 15th October 2005.

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This pistol was Lot 880 and was described thus:-

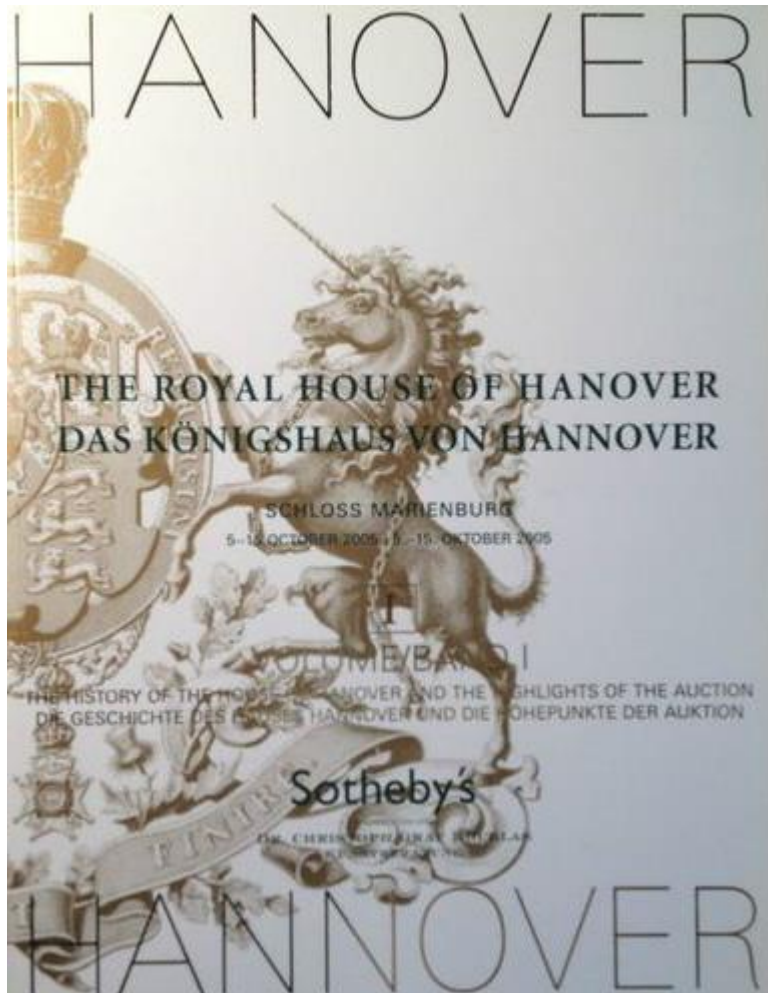
A flintlock officer's pistol made for Ernst August, Duke of Cumberland and Teviotdale, later King of Hannover.

Highly figured walnut full stock, engraved iron mounts including long spurred butt cap. Large trigger guard with pineapple finial and floral decorative wrist plaque, silver barrel bolt escutcheons and silver wrist escutcheon with the Royal crest of the Duke

of Cumberland including the motto “Honi soit qui mal y pense”.

Original iron tipped ramrod with capped screw.

In very fine condition.



The catalogue for this auction was incredibly extravagant and has become a collector item in its own right.

We have the original boxed set of three catalogues consisting of: -

Volume 1 The history of The House of Hannover and the highlights of the auction. Volumes 2 & 3 The illustrated Handbook & index.

Original letter from Sotheby's to its clients outlining the auction.

A marketing pamphlet entitled "Schloss Marienberg".









This pistol will be sold with the original three-box set of Sotheby's historic House of Hannover auction, a refurbished old oak presentation case, a photograph and signed letter by the Erns August and a silver One Thaler coin bearing his likeness.