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Pair of Rimes, c1760 English
flintlock turn-off pistols signed
by John Rimes, London.

Price

GBP 2,200

| USD \$2,977 | EUR 2,574

Item Reference: SA1153117**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

Each pistol with three-stage cannon-form barrels in copper alloy, bearing London proof marks and the barrelsmith's mark of John Rimes, a known gunmaker active in Wapping from the 1740s. The border-engraved breeches are engraved with martial trophies above the steel springs, while the rounded lockplates are engraved "London" beneath. The tangs and cocks are finely engraved, and each pistol, engraved with a floral motif on the bow. Each pistol retains its original sliding trigger-guard safety catch, a feature typically reserved for higher-grade Queen Anne style pistols. The trigger guard slides forward to block the trigger, preventing discharge, and can be returned to the rear firing position—a desirable element for collectors. Mounted with rounded figured walnut butts, each with silver butt caps, engraved en suite (some wear consistent with age). The stocks have been repolished and both stocks show signs of old repairs, now stable. A well-presented and attractive pair for display or collection. John Rimes was a respected gunmaker recorded at 66 Bell Dock, Wapping, London, and supplied firearms to the East India Company in 1772. His work is well-regarded for its elegant ...

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