

SA1153848

Blunderbuss Pistol,
Brass-Barrelled by Cairns & Co.,
London. circa 1780–1790.

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1153848****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

Featuring a three-stage copper-alloy barrel (approx. 23 cm / 9 in), turned and belled at the muzzle, with foliate-engraved octagonal breech and Tower private proof marks. The flat bevelled lockplate is signed CAIRNS & Co., finely engraved at the tail and fitted with a matching engraved cock. Full stock of figured walnut, shaped to a comfortable pistol grip with brass inlaid accents, and minor historical repair to the butt. Copper-alloy mounts throughout, including: Elegant grotesque mask pommel cap Rococo foliate sideplate Trigger guard with acorn finial Vacant escutcheon shield Horn-tipped ramrod and two turned brass ramrod pipes. This is a genteel gentleman's blunderbuss pistol, combining practical firepower with high Georgian decorative taste. These compact blunderbusses were often carried for close-quarter defence by naval officers. Dimensions: Overall Length: 38.5 cm (15¼ in) Barrel Length: 23 cm (9 in) Muzzle Calibre: Approx. 1 inch Weight 8.77 grams

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