

SA1161598

An early 19th century leather dog collar and lead with the brass plaque for "Cosher" of the Revenue Police, Dover, Kent

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1161598

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

An early 19th century leather dog collar and lead with the brass plaque for "Cosher" of the Revenue Police, Dover (sic). During the early 19th century the old spelling for Dover of "Dovor" was still in use. References to the Revenue Police in England are extremely limited with extensive research showing very little documented. There was a Revenue Police in Bristol, another port, but little documentary evidence is available. A 19th century Tipstaff sold in 2016 which was inscribed "Revenue Police, Bristol". In the 19th century the Revenue Police in Ireland was created to take over from the army to assist the Excise in still hunting where illegal alcohol was being produced to avoid taxes. It seems as though an English Revenue Police would have assisted in the Excise at the time, although documentary evidence is sparse. From the collar and thick solid chain, Cosher must have been a rather fierce beast to assist the Excise men in their duties. An extremely rare, probably unique piece in excellent condition with the original very substantial chain. England, Dover, Kent, early 19th century

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