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A RARE GEORGE IV BOARD OF ORDNANCE PAINTED CAST IRON ARCHITECTURAL PLAQUE, c.1825

Price

GBP 950

| USD \$1,283 | EUR 1,111

Item Reference: SA1222536**Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Description

A rare and impressive George IV painted cast iron architectural plaque c. 1825. Richly cast in high relief, the plaque is surmounted by the royal crown above the cipher IV GR, enclosed within an elaborate wreath of oak leaves and laurel incorporating a heraldic rose and shamrock. To the lower section are the letters B O, divided by the British Government Broad Arrow. The Broad Arrow was the official property mark of the Board of Ordnance, the government department responsible for Britain's arsenals, fortifications, magazines, military stores and ordnance until its abolition in 1855. Following an order issued in 1806, Board of Ordnance property was routinely marked with the Broad Arrow, often in conjunction with the initials B ↑ O, before the familiar W ↑ D (War Department) mark came into use after 1855. The combination of the George IV royal cipher, the Board of Ordnance initials and Broad Arrow, together with its substantial architectural construction and original fixing points, suggests that this plaque was produced for permanent display on a Board of Ordnance property. Whilst its precise original location is unknown, it was almost certainly intended for a government...

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