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Georgian Horse Head Armorial Intaglio Desk Seal c.1770-1800 Scottish Interest

Price

GBP 2,000

| USD \$2,727 | EUR 2,334

Item Reference: SA1231959**Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 7 cm (2.8")

Width = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Depth = 2.6 cm (1.0")

Description

Georgian Horse Head Armorial Intaglio Desk Seal c.1770-1800 Scottish Interest A rare late Georgian armorial desk seal dating to the late eighteenth century, circa 1770-1800, modelled as a bridled horse head. Finely formed in copper alloy, probably brass, the horse displays raised ears, an expressive open mouth, detailed eyes and nostrils, bridle, bit and an incised mane. The neck rises above a circular collar and waisted stepped base terminating in an engraved intaglio matrix. The matrix contains two shield shaped cartouches beneath elaborate heraldic and foliate ornament. Traditional Association The seal is traditionally associated by repute with the Abercromby family of Tullibody, Scotland, and historically linked with Lieutenant General Sir Ralph Abercromby KB, 1734-1801. Sir Ralph was the son and heir of George Abercromby of Tullibody and married Mary Anne Menzies of Ferntower in 1767. Current heraldic research has not established a conclusive match between the matrix and the recorded Tullibody arms. The specific Sir Ralph attribution therefore remains unverified. Date Late eighteenth century, circa 1770-1800, provisional. Material Copper alloy, probably b...

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