



Richly Engraved Germanic Sword Of Justice

3 700 EUR

Period : 17th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Length : 102 cm



Description

It's an execution sword, known as a "Justice sword" Germanic origin, probably dates from the late 17th century. The executions at that time were either by hanging for thieves and low-level criminals, or by decapitation, which could be carried out as in England and Central Europe, by means of an axe of justice, or using a sword when the executioner was sufficiently skilled. The handle is relatively long, to give greater force to the blow. BLADE : this is the type of blade characteristic of execution swords. It has a broad, flattened lenticular section. Both sides are richly engraved. On the inner face is the famous inscription: "Die Herren steuren dem Unheil" (= the Lords have decreed the law) "Ich exequiere Ihr Endls Urtheil" (= I execute their final decision") Then a wheel of justice. At the shoulder

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level ,near the guard is the name of the executor:
Kuisl im Shongau which probably correspond to
Hans Jacob Kuisl, executor in Shongau from 1683
à 1696. Several members of the same family
succeeded each other: Hans Kuisl 1711-1734,
Jacob Kuisl 1735..., Josef Benedikt Kuisl,
1783-1807... The engravings are characteristic of
this type of weapon. On the outer side , we find
in large letters the inscription "Ich schone
Niemand " (= I spare no one) then the justice
woods surmounted by a legged cross which is the
archaic version of the Teutonic cross as used
during the 13th century, according to the
"Banderia Prutenorum". At the shoulder, near the
guard is the Latin inscription: DIRUM SCELUS
NON MANET INULIAM (Serious crimes do not
go unpunished). Blade length 76cm, width at
shoulder= 4.4 cm, thickness at shoulder 4.3
mm The balance point is only 6 cm from the hilt,
where as it is frequently located in the middle or
last third of the blade for this type of sword. This
gives a very good balance in the hand. CROSS
GUARD : This is a very simple iron guard, as
usually in this type of sword. It has two flattened
straight quillons. POMMEL: made of iron, quite
great size , with 6 sides. Its shape evokes the
corolla of a flower GRIP : It is covered in brown
leather which has hardened with
time. This weapon is special. It is indisputably
linked to Germanic culture. The workmanship is
archaic, and the engravings are not in the style
used for engraving during the 19th century.
However, it is sometimes difficult to be certain of
the precise dating of such a particular type of
weapon. Ref AME-2632 Shipping France 30EUR,
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