



Navy Enlisted Men's Consular Saber, Model 1782, Modified In 1790

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Period : 19th century

Condition : En l'etat



Description

RARE MANUFACTURE OF THE
CONSULATE -- 1801-1804 France, Consulate,
1801-1804 Manufacture Nationale de Klingenthal
- Coulaux brothers entrepreneurs Steel and
brass Total length: 72 cm Blade length: about 60
cm Without sheath Rare regulatory sword of
French Navy troops, model 1782 modified 1790,
particularly interesting for its late manufacture
under the Consulate, between 1801 and 1804. The
weapon associates a regulatory mount inherited
from the end of the Ancien Régime and the
revolutionary period with a blade manufactured
in Klingenthal under the company of the Coulaux
brothers, in the short period when the
establishment still bears the title of Manufacture
Nationale. Mount The characteristic frame of this
Marine model is entirely made of a single piece in

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cast brass, a particularly robust construction adapted to the conditions of on-board service. The handle has twenty strong transverse beams or fluts. It is topped with a dome cap extended by a long tail and finished with its rive button. The guard with a branch forms a right angle with the cruise, which is extended by a curved killon finished in a point. The frame bears the marking: "DEVILLE" As well as several control punches: a "G", a figurative punch remaining to be identified and, a particularly remarkable element, a Marine anchor struck directly in the brass.

MARINE BLADE Strong steel blade, slightly curved and one-edged. It has on each of its two sides a large engraved Marine anchor, a characteristic element confirming its destination at the service of the French Navy. The back of the blade bears the important cursive inscription: "Mfture Nale de Klingenthal Coulaux brothers Entrepreneur..." For: "National Manufacture of Klingenthal - Coulaux brothers Entrepreneurs". A rarely preserved detail, the red felt tie is always present at the base of the blade.

CONSULAR DATING: 1801-1804 The marking of the back of the blade is an essential element to date the weapon. The brothers Jacques and Julien Coulaux became contractors of the Klingenthal Manufacture in 1801. With the advent of the Empire in 1804, the establishment then took the title of Imperial Manufacture. The simultaneous presence of the words "Manufacture Nationale" and "Coulaux frères" therefore makes it possible to link the manufacture of this blade to the short period between 1801 and 1804, corresponding to the Consulate. This dating gives all its interest to the copy: a model whose origin dates back to the Navy at the end of the 18th century was still manufactured or assembled at the beginning of the 19th century, when French naval armament was experiencing an important period of transition. The remarkable consistency of the markings reinforces this reading: DEVILLE marking, control punches, anchor struck on the frame, large anchors engraved on both sides of

the blade and consular signature of the
Manufacture Nationale de

Klingenthal.HISTORICAL CONTEXT: THE

CONSULATE NAVYThe manufacture of this

saber takes place in a period of particularly

intense naval rearmament.From the beginning of

the Consulate, Bonaparte relaunched the project

of an invasion of England and undertook the

constitution of a huge flotilla of light buildings

concentrated in particular around Boulogne and

the ports of the English Channel.Cannor boats,

gunboats, barges, prames and transport buildings

are built in large numbers. This force must be

able to embark not only tens of thousands of

soldiers, but also thousands of sailors responsible

for maneuvering and defending the ships.In 1803,

this organization took the name of National

Flotilla. Arsenals, shipyards and factories were

then solicited by the considerable armament

effort undertaken by the Consulate.It was

precisely in this context of mobilization and

rearmament of the French Navy that the

Manufacture Nationale de Klingenthal made the

blade of this saber between 1801 and 1804.The

coexistence of a regulatory mount of the 1782

model modified 1790 with a newly manufactured

blade under the Consulate perfectly illustrates the

continuity of the old materials during this period

of profound military reorganization.It cannot

naturally be said, in the absence of a specific

assignment marking, that this saber belonged to

the Boulogne Flotilla. However, its manufacture

is exactly contemporary with this immense naval

effort.THE SABER IN SERVICEThe ship's saber

is primarily a regulatory combat weapon,

designed to be robust, manageable and effective

in the small space of a building.The weapons

intended for the crews constitute a collective

weapon of the ship, kept on board and distributed

to men when circumstances require it, especially

during combat stockings.Flottilla sailors do not

fight exclusively on board. They participate in

coastal protection, escorts, operations against

enemy vessels and can also intervene on

land. This intensive use explains the relative scarcity of copies that have reached us in a satisfactory state of conservation.

STATE OF CONSERVATION

Good general condition for a regulatory weapon that has known the service. Beautiful old patina of the brass frame. The blade retains its two large engraved Marine anchors and its precious Klingenthal consular marking. Traces of use, oxidations and small punctures in accordance with the age and function of the weapon. Old red felt tie preserved. Without sheath.

COMPARISONS AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

A Navy troop sabre model 1782 modified 1790 is listed in the specialized archives of Bertrand Malvaux. The evolution of the regulatory sabers of the French Navy from the end of the Ancien Régime to the Revolution, to the Consulate and then to the First Empire is also documented in the reference work devoted to French armament, especially those of Michel Pétard. The particularly interesting character of this copy lies in the association of a regulatory frame of the model 1782 modified 1790 with a blade bearing the signature: "National Manufacture of Klingenthal - Coulaux brothers Entrepreneurs". To situate its manufacture in the short period of the Consulate, between 1801 and 1804. A rare testimony of the continuity of the regulatory armament of the French Navy at the time of the great naval rearmament undertaken by Bonaparte. France, Consulate, 1801-1804.