



Pistols Signed Gillet-duché-desaga In Tulle - 1770

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Signature : Gillet à Tulle et Desaga

Period : 18th century

Condition : Très bon état

Description

Pair of naval officer's pistols known as "chien de mer," Royal Manufactory of Tulle, circa 1770. Signed "Gillet à Tulle" on the left and right lock plates, and marked "Duché" beneath the main springs. Barrels signed "Desaga," a gunsmith in Tulle. The walnut grips are magnificently carved with long-maned sea dog heads--the emblem of the French navy--and bear the fleur-de-lis hallmark. The iron fittings feature a wraparound muzzle cap finely engraved with arabesques and a delicately executed front sight. Hook-shaped counter-plates and nail-head screws. Technical Details: Total Length 30 cm Barrel Length 18 cm Caliber 15 mm System Flintlock, round frame Material Iron and carved walnut Decoration Seahorse heads, arabesques, fleur-de-lis These naval officer's

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pistols embody the refinement of the Royal Manufactory of Tulle at the end of the reign of Louis XV. Their symbolic ornamentation and the quality of their craftsmanship make them among the most elegant and sought-after models of 18th-century French production. Their exceptional condition--uncleaned, with original patina--further enhances their rarity.