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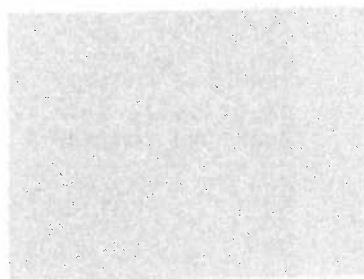
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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
1	W.J. Jeffrey 600 Nitro Ser. No. 12175	<u>\$25,000.00</u>

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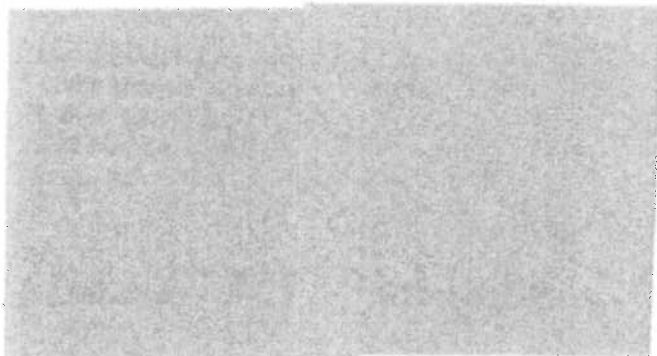


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28th February 1986

Thank you for your letter of February 21st.

I am glad to hear about your .600 Jeffery rifle No.11800. Mr Carey Keates, who helped me research the .600 bore before I produced the brochure, went through the Jeffery number books very carefully with me, and we obviously overlooked this rifle.

Saunders was a gunmaker who assembled guns and rifles for W.J. Jeffery. The company never had a factory in the accepted meaning of the word. Their guns and rifles were made to specifications set out by the Jeffery company (in the same way as the Army & Navy Stores) and were supplied by Birmingham makers who in turn put out the work to other gunmakers.

The reference to Baker ejector refers to a well known ejector system developed by a gunmaking firm of that name. The Baker referred to in your paragraph No.1 almost certainly refers to a famous merchant firm in Soho called F.P. Baker who supplied sporting goods - tents, clothing, guns and rifles etc., mainly to India and the British Colonies. They were also importers of foreign sporting goods - and we are fairly certain that the 4 pairs of tubes referred to as "Thro' Bakers" means that company. They went out of business in the late 1950s or early 1960s.

Your letter has gone into my .600 bore file, where I have amassed a lot of information as a result of the brochure of 1975.

Yours Sincerely

Malcolm Lyell

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I had an opportunity to read the booklet you put together on THE LAST .600 BORE HOLLAND & HOLLAND DOUBLE RIFLE.

I find it as great reference material, but, I do have some questions and would appreciate whatever knowledge you might reflect. You might reflect.

1. On the first page you refer to "23/3/01 Thro' Bakers-4 pairs .600 bore tubes from Krupps...."

2. I acquired a lovely Jeffery .600 bore double rifle #11800 being an "under snap" Anson & Deeley action weighing 15 lb. 10 oz. My quiry is in relationship to the Jeffery numbering since you relate the first Jeffery .600 bore double rifle being No 12175.

3. Mr. McKelvey was kind enough to research the Jeffery records and let me relate to you the following:

- a.. Serial #11800 has what the record book refers to BAKER EJECTOR.
- b. The rifle ws purchased by a Mr. Saunders on the December 6, 1903.
- c. The record book reflects that the cost was about 31 pounds and the retail price was about 65 pounds.

I am interested in the facts pertaining to the beginning of any era as it is important for all collectors to have whatever provenance might be available. Of course, I do not have the record books available, but my perception, based on the limited amount of knowledge is that Mr. Saunders was a very big customer (he could have been a wholesaler or representative to an Indian Prince or Notable). Could it be that Jeffery set aside a series of numbers for Mr. Saunders since he bought a number of guns having contiguous numbers to the 11800 series. Then again, Mr. Saunders might be personnel of the shop. Looking at the cost of the other shotguns he purchased, I am baffled. The percentage of mark-up between factory cost versus retail on all the rifles contiguous

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are somewhat marginal versus that of the factory cost of the .600 delivered on December 6, 1903.

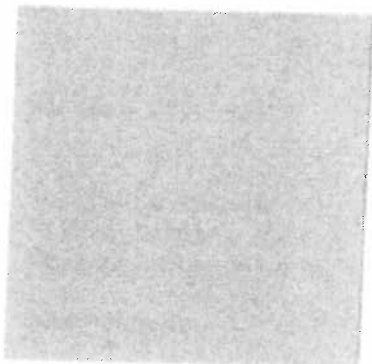
I would appreciate any comments you might have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill", with a horizontal line extending to the left.

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Attached are copies relative to the Jeffrey .600 (these were copied from a catalog, circa 1910).

My .600 is almost identical to the attached copy. I need not tell you that each gun is different since they are all made by hand. My gun is definitely a Number #1 "EJECTOR."

Since you are obsessed in having a Jeffrey underlever .600 bore, I am sending you copies from my file for your reference. Please note the attached copy showing the trade label, Indian label, contents of the case and case "set-up." It is interesting to note that the card within (Number 3) was typed in 1918, but, the rifle was delivered some time in December 1903. Upon checking the Holland & Holland records, I found that it was purchased by Mr. Sonders who was something like a middle man or purchasing agent for various Maharaja's. I have to assume that the rifle ended up in the armory of the PRINCE OF PATULIA (there is no record of this at H & H). A number of Indian Princes did purchase thru Mr. Sonders at the time as he was quite famous with the various gun makers in London and acted on their behalf.

I hope that I have not bored you with too many details, but, now you know exactly what I know.

I have been giving some thought about our proposed trip to Australia, but, I am not going to be in a position to leave after the 1st of the year. Maybe it would be best that you go alone and please be assured that I will do anything to assist you.

Hoping to hear from you shortly.

Sincerely,

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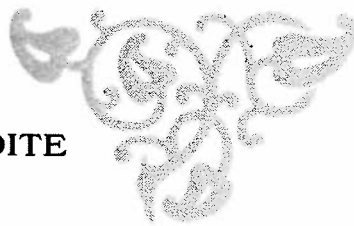
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