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A rare antique 6-bore percussion muzzle loading big game rifle by Charles Osbourne Circa 1835

1800

An antique 6-bore percussion muzzle-loading big game rifle by Ogilvie of Grahamstown, Capa Colony Circa 1800

700

£2500

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Further to your telephone call I have despatched to you by airfreight British Airways to Pittsburgh the two rifles.

As you will see the Charles Osborne case does need re-lining and of course as you will observe I have made a bad mistake - there is a mould for the rifle, but it is a brand new reproduction which is not nearly as nice as you may have imagined. As I was dealing with sixty to eighty guns you can understand it was easy for me to make a mistake. I daresay I will make this up to you at some time.

The rifle by Ogilvy is interesting, as you can see it is a conversion from flintlock. The original rifle must have been made in the period of about 1790. John Batten, from whom I purchased the rifle researched this gun and discovered that this was from Graham's Town Cape Colony. What staggers me, of course, is the length of the barrel on such a large bore big game rifle - it must have been somewhat unwieldy in close bush.

I do hope they arrive safely, and I enclose a copy of the invoice to assist you in clearing them.

Life has been very busy at Bruton Street, and unfortunately we are going to have a lot of upheaval due to some re-building that is over a period of six months starting in February. Also, of course we no longer have Daryl. I do hope that your plans are progressing - do let me know when the bells are going to chime!

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Please be assured that you will get the other percussion rifle this year.

My kind regards to Holly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'David Winks'.

DAVID WINKS
for Holland & Holland Limited