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John Forbes - 1810

John Forbes, of Liverpool, was gunmaker to His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, later King George IV.

DESCRIPTION:

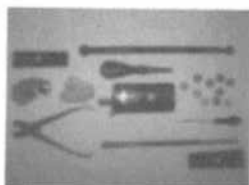
These are .57 caliber, smoothbore pistols, measuring 15 inches overall and have beautiful 9-1/2 inch Damascus, octagon barrels with gold bands at the breech. Signed on the topstrap "Maker to H.R.H. Prince of Wales." The locks additionally are signed "Forbes/Liverpool." Brilliant overall with 99%+ of the Damascus finish on the barrels. The locks and barrel tangs retaining all of the casehardening. The cocks are spurred in the French manner, and the pans are of waterproof type. Both locks are equipped with cock safeties. Original ramrods. The mounts have all the fine, fiery, original blue finish. The stocks are superb with all the original polished finish, and the checkering is in mint

condition. Neither pistol appears to have been used, and they are truly mint. The casehardened buttcaps are large sunbursts done in the most delicate manner. The triggerguard finials are pineapples, very finely engraved and appointed. Sterling silver barrel wedge escutcheons. Horn fore-end caps and the original ramrods with horn tips.

Cased in their original mahogany casing with green baize lining, all in excellent-plus to near-mint condition. The accessories include the bullet puller, bullet mold, compartmentalized flask, cleaning rod, and various cleaning tools.

This is a very unique set of English duelers, complete with all accessories.

Offered for sale from my collection for: **\$12,900.00**



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The Duel: Two bankers of the highest standing Manuel and Beaumont both lived in or near Paris in 1821. Manuel was a Jew of Poland, married, the father of six children, and a man of immense wealth. This set of sawhandled duelling pistol set was one of Beaumont's favorite possessions; he had gotten them directly from John Forbes in Liverpool, England. Beaumont was unmarried, a native of Genoa, and possessed of a large fortune; he seduced Manuel's wife. . The two gentlemen met in Paris, after Manuel had proof of his wife's infidelity, a violent altercation ensued. A challenge followed. It was agreed, in the terms of the meeting, that one at least, should not survive the combat. Manuel offered

JOHN FORBES

1810

JOHN FORBES, OF LIVERPOOL, WAS A FAMOUS ENGLISH MAKER THAT MADE GUNS FOR HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCE OF WALES.

THIS SET OF PISTOLS IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE SAW HANDLE STYLE. IT WAS A GIFT TO MONS. BEAUMONT AND USED BY HIM IN A DUEL IN 1821. SEE INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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MANUEL OFFERED FORGIVENESS TO HIS FRAIL
WIFE, BEFORE THE DUEL, ON CONDITION
THAT SHE WOULD ABANDON BEAUMONT,
SHE DECLINED. MANUEL WAS KILLED ON
THE SPOT AT FIRST SHOT. HE WAS AN
EXCELLENT MAN, AND HIS FALL WAS
DEEPLY MOURNED BY ALL CLASSES.

THE REMAINS OF MANUEL WERE REFUSED
BURIAL BY THE CLERGY, BECAUSE OF
THE MANNER OF HIS DEATH.