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A SMALL FRENCH BRONZE SIGNAL CANNON INSCRIBED LE TONNANT, 18TH - 19TH CENTURY

£2,750



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Height: 14.5 cm (5.7")

Width: 14 cm (5.5")

Depth: 35 cm (13.8")

Description

Featuring a tapered design with multiple reinforced rings including astragals and fillets. It terminates in a rounded cascabel at the breech and a flared muzzle. The upper surface of the barrel is decorated with a raised cast relief scroll containing the inscription LE TONNANT, referring to the French 80-gun ship-of-the-line launched in 1789 and later captured by the British. The barrel is supported by integral trunnions held by black-finished metal caps. The four-wheeled naval truck carriage is of stepped construction, crafted from quarter-sawn oak displaying prominent medullary rays. It is fitted with black-finished hardware, including breeching loops and metal-headed studs to the solid wooden wheels. The assembly includes a functional wooden quoin for adjusting barrel elevation.Barrel: 35cmBore: 2cm

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