

Basic Detail Report



Cutlass

Date

blade dated 1804; hilt about 1810

Primary Maker

Spanish

Medium

steel, iron and gilt brass with bone or ivory

Description

Steel. Gently curving single edge flattened hexagonal section blade. Stout ricasso, pipe back to false edge near spear point. Deep, narrow fuller at back edge on both faces. Obverse face marked with "(crown)/R[EA]L F[ERRER]A DE TOLEDO." & reverse "AÑO.1804". Hilt consists of curved flat knuckle guard to basal end of which is riveted gilded brass straight rear quillion with thick curved terminal. Pair of shield-shaped langets over blade (one piece with the rear quillion), chiseled with acanthus leaves. Checkered ivory or bone grip swollen at mid-height tapering to gilded brass eagle's head pommel plumage carries down backstrap. At base of grip is plain bronze ferrule band. Damage to the ivory grip near the pommel has obliterated decoration in that area.

Dimensions

3.5 x 89 x 13 cm (1 3/8 x 35 1/16 x 5 1/8 in.), 2 lb, 3 oz (weight)