

## **Partisan of State**

Date late 1600s

Primary Maker English

Medium

iron, wood and textiles

## Description

Swedish-Dutch form. Steel, formerly russeted. Long pointed double edged blade of lozenge section, base of which is decoratively cut into cusps. Pronounced medial rib on both faces tapers to defined, reinforced point. Base of head is of like section

& drawn out as pair of pointed lugs, cusped & lobated below. Bottom of head with balustered base fitted into 2-stage conical socket; top of socket bears traces of four engraved lines. Just below this is an octagonal, multi-layered roundel, pierced with decorative holes. Head extends down circular section wooden staff in a pair of langets, secured by flatheaded nails. Tall shaft, probably of ash. Base of staff with 2-staged conical butt cap broken at its end. Tassel of wool. Central tassel overwoven with a strapwork repeated diamond pattern; some intersections with woolen tufts. Appears to have been red, white, and green.

## Dimensions

273.4 × 13 cm (107 5/8 × 5 1/8 in.), 6 lb, 7 oz (weight)