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GUILLOTINE

CIRCA 1800 – 1815

### **LITERATURE**

MADE WITH THE BONES OF ANIMALS USED FOR THEIR RATIONS THIS EXACT SCALE MODEL OF A FRENCH  
REVOLUTIONARY GUILLOTINE SHOWS THE GREAT SKILL OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR CARVING WITH  
LIMITED MATERIALS , AND GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT TIME WAS NO OBJECT .

THE GUILLOTINE WAS THE INVENTION OF A FRENCH PHYSICIAN AND REVOLUTIONARY CALLED JOSEPH  
IGNACE GUILLOTIN ( 1738 - 1814 ) . HE PROPOSED THAT THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF WHICH HE WAS  
A DEPUTY SHOULD USE A DECAPITATING INSTRUMENT AS A MEANS OF EXECUTION . THIS WAS ADOPTED IN  
1791 AND NAMED AFTER HIM , ALTHOUGH A SIMILAR APPARATUS HAD BEEN USED EARLIER IN SCOTLAND ,  
GERMANY AND ITALY .