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VERY LARGE LINEN FLAG WITH THE CREST OF A RUNNING GREYHOUND

A VERY LARGE LINEN FLAG WITH THE CREST OF A RUNNING GREYHOUND
WITH THE LATIN MOTTO BENEATH: 'CELER – ATQUE – FIDELIS' MEANING 'SWIFT AND FAITHFUL'
19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 234CM HIGH, 305CM WIDE – 92 INS HIGH, 120 INS WIDE (APPROX)

LITERATURE

A FLAG HAS BEEN USED AS AN EMBLEM OR SYMBOL FOR NATIONALISTIC, RELIGIOUS, OR MILITARY DISPLAYS, OR AS A MEANS OF SIGNALLING SINCE ANCIENT TIMES. THIS FLAG WAS MOST PROBABLY USED AS THE CREST AND MOTTO OF A PROFESSIONAL GREYHOUND TRAINER, PERHAPS IN IRELAND AS THE RUNNING GREYHOUND WAS RECORDED IN USE AS A CREST BY THE IRISH FAMILIES OF DRURY, CAVE, LEFANU AND KEEFE AROUND 1815.