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THE MALACCA SHAFT WITH A LATER SILVER COLLAR HALLMARKED CHESTER 1903, BRASS FERRULE
18TH CENTURY
SIZE: 92CM LONG – 36¼ INS LONG

LITERATURE

THE NOTORIOUS 4TH DUKE OF QUEENSBURY, KNOWN AS OLD 'Q' IS REPUTED TO HAVE BEEN THE LAST MAN IN ENGLAND TO KEEP A RUNNING FOOTMAN. IN THE 18TH CENTURY FOUR-FOOT TALL STAFFS WERE ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT FOR RUNNING FOOTMAN AS THEY WERE FOR CHURCH SEXTONS WHO USED THEM TO AWAKEN SNORING SLEEPERS DURING INTERMINABLE SERMONS. 18TH CENTURY OSTENTATIOUSLY ELEGANT DANDY'S, OR 'FOPS', WOULD ALSO USE THESE TALL CANES TO LEAN AND POSE ON IN ORDER TO IMPRESS FASHIONABLE LONDON SOCIETY WITH THEIR EXQUISITE MANNERS AND FOPPISH FINERY. THIS CANE WAS ONCE ALSO MUCH TALLER AND WAS SHORTENED IN 1903 TO ENABLE IT TO BE USED AS A WALKING STICK.