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LITERATURE

THE CURVED 'SAW-BACK' BLADE DOUBLE EDGED AT THE POINT, DEPICTING FAINTLY ENGRAVED FOLIAGE AND DEEPLY STRUCK WITH A PROFILE HEAD MARK ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FORTE, ONE SIDE WITH THE COPPER-FILLED MARK OF GYLES LYNDESEY, A 'DAGGER' OVER 'T'. THE HILT IS FINELY ENGRAVED WITH FOLIAGE COMPRISING A SHORT REAR QUILL WITH ROUNDED TERMINAL CAST AND CHASED WITH A HORSEMAN AGAINST A STIPPLED GROUND, SHELL SIDE-GUARD WITHIN A LOOP LINKED TO THE KNUCKLE-GUARD, THE FORMER WITH A PROFILE BUST OF A ROMAN EMPEROR. THE 'EARED' AGATE GRIP (CHIP TO ONE EAR) OF A TAPERING CIRCULAR SECTION. THE GUARD RETAINING THE MAJORITY OF THE ORIGINAL GILDING.

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THE 'T' AND 'DAGGER' MARK WAS GRANTED TO GYLES LYNDESEY OF THE LONDON CUTLERS

COMPANY ON 6 FEBRUARY 1677. SEE: KEITH HINDE AND JOHN HERBERT, 'THE COLLECTIONS OF THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CUTLERS OF LONDON', PART ONE: 'LONDON-MADE KNIVES AND THEIR MARKS', NEW GENERATION PUBLISHING, LONDON, 2005, P.52