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Maker: T Pingo.

Obverse: Bust of Prince Charles facing right hair short, curly behind, no drapery.

Leg. CAROLUS. WALLIAE. PRINCEPS. Below, 1745.

Reverse: Britannia, standing by rock on the seashore and resting upon her spear and shield, awaits the arrival of an approaching fleet. Behind her is a globe with the map Great Britain.

Leg. AMOR ET SPES. (Love and hope). Ex. BRITANNIA.

See Medallion Illustrations of British History Vol II. Page 600/251.

This medal is probably the work of Thomas Pingo and was struck in England when Prince Charles had decided to try to recover the British throne. The medal was circulated freely in England and Scotland among his followers who had been informed of his plans. On the medal, Britannia represents the young Prince's friends who were urged on by love and hope and who now awaited his arrival which he had led them to expect. In 1748 when negotiations were in progress for peace with England at Aix-la-Capelle, Prince Charles arranged for this medal to be distributed widely in France among all the members of the upper classes. The French Ministry was keen for peace and looked upon this act as an insult. They complained to the French King who was unwilling to take any action. However the Prince de Conti said to Prince Charles that he was surprised at the content of the medal since the British navy was no very good friend to Charles. Charles replied that maybe but I am nevertheless a friend of the fleet against all its enemies. The glory of England I shall always regard as my own and her glory rest on her navy.

(See the The Lockhart Papers, 1817, Vol. II.p.571).

Diameter: 1.6 inches (4.1cm)