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ANTIQUÉ SILVER

17th century gaming counter of Charles Lennox, Duke of Richmond, illegitimate son of King Charles II of England

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REF:- 144677

Diameter: 3 cm (1 1/4")



Short Description

Very striking silver, octagonal 17th century gaming counter belonging to Charles Lennox, Duke of Richmond (1672 - 1723). He was the illegitimate son of King Charles II of England and his mistress, French Breton noblewoman Louise de Penancoet de Kerouaille, Duchess of Portsmouth. Obverse:- The full coat of arms of Charles Lennox, within a royal mantle. Ducal coronet with royal lion above. On a riband below, the Lennox motto:- EN LA ROSE JE FLEURI (I flourish in the rose). Reverse:- Charles Lennoxs very intricate monogram within a mantle with ducal coronet above. 1675 - Created Duke of Richmond, Earl of March and Baron Settrington in the Peerage of England. Also, Duke of Lennox, Earl of Darnley and Lord Torbolton in the Peerage of Scotland. 1681 - Invested as a Knight of the Garter. Appointed Lord High Admiral for life but this was only effective between 1701 and 1705 when Lennox resigned all his Scottish lands and offices. 1696 - Master of a masonic Lodge in Chichester - one of the few known Freemasons in the 17th century. He married Lady Anne Brudenell, daughter of Lord Brudenell and granddaughter of the Earl of Cardigan, in 1692.

More Information

Year	c 1690
Origin	England
Condition	Extremely Fine condition. Border slightly rubbed at top but coat of arms not affected. Reverse:- Extremely Fine condition. Border slightly rubbed at 6 o'clock and 7 o'clock but design of medal not affected. Nicely toned throughout