

The Highland Society of London recently contributed 50% towards the purchase of an 18th Century tartan jacket related to the Ancient Caledonian Society; the jacket will be displayed at the Scottish Tartans Authority's planned National Tartan Centre in Stirling, with due acknowledgement to the Society.



26th April 2018

Dear Alex,

I'm delighted to report that we were successful in securing the coat yesterday. It made a hammer price of £1,000 which means that the total price is £1,300.

Needless to say, we are so grateful to those that have supported us in this venture and, while I will write more formally at a later date, I wanted to ensure that you and your colleagues knew that your efforts had not been in vain.

We will sort out the paperwork and logistics in terms of storage etc and I will contact you again very soon with details of the invoice etc.

Once again, thank you very much and I look forward to meeting you in due course.

Very best wishes

John F McLeish

Chair - The Scottish Tartans Authority

LOT DETAILS

An 18th century early tartan dress coat for the Ancient Caledonian Society

With thirteen circular brass buttons inscribed for the Ancient Caledonian Society and with the crown & thistle motif, the coat embroidered with the Jacobite motif of the white rose flanked by the two rose buds, the coat with internal waist pockets and vent to the rear and an early checked design

FOOTNOTES

The buttons on this Dress Coat are believed to relate to an older Caledonian Society in London, probably with strong Masonic Connections. The Jacobite influences are also very strong with the White Rose for King James and the buds for Princes Charles & Henry. The engraved thistle surmounted by a crown on the buttons was an ancient badge of Scotland.

Bonhams would like to thank Prof. D.W.R. Purdie MD FRCP Ed. FRSSA FSA Scot. Hon. Fellow, University of Edinburgh, for his kind assistance cataloguing this lot.

