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**BLANC, JOSEPH (SYNDIC DE BEAUFORT)**

Sardinian Kingdom, 1848

Gift for courage. Piedmontese percussion rifle. Round, smoothbore, 17 mm cal. barrel octagonal at the base engraved with floral motifs, foresight and clutch for the bayonet; engraved tang with rear sight; forward spring lock with flat lock plate engraved en suite and signed "LUPOTTI A TORINO" on the border, round tang and engraved with bearded head and horns. Wooden full stock with silver mounts. The counterplate with dedication "Au Courage Civil de Blanc Joseph Syndic de Beaufort. 1848.", the trigger guard with thunderbolts and wings, the butt-plate with Medusa's head and floral decoration and the barrel bracket with Savoy eagle among oak and laurel branches, all in relief, the rest engraved with spirals. Iron ramrod.