



HUNTING TALES: RARE 19TH-CENTURY FRENCH COLONIAL CARVED COCONUT BUGBEAR FLASK

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

This rare early 19th-century French Colonial carved coconut "bugbear" flask is a fascinating artifact showcasing the artistry and resourcefulness of sailors, soldiers, or prisoners of war during long sea voyages. Intricately carved from a "green" coconut shell, which was easier to work with when fresh, the flask features a dynamic hunting scene depicting a mounted hunter with dogs in pursuit of a stag amidst lush vegetation and trees. The detailed carvings bring the scene to life, with layered textures adding depth and a sense of movement. These bugbear flasks were often created during voyages to the East or West Indies in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, serving both as practical vessels and as unique mementos of their makers' journeys. The flask's rich patina and the quality of the craftsmanship reflect its age and cultural significance, making it a compelling piece for collectors of maritime or colonial artifacts.