

Sword Makers in Birmingham

Five sword cutlers and manufacturers are named on a ribbon, which issues from the trumpet of an armed and helmeted cherub. Several emblems of war are presented. As well as swords, the devices include spears, axes, shields, flags, a bayonet and a sheath of arrows. The lion and unicorn are presented at rest, but the lion lies down with a ram, indicating the end of war. The patriotic symbolism of the engraving is explicit in the motto on a second ribbon issuing from the cherub's trumpet: "Pro Rege et Patria" or "For King and Country".