



Letter of Authenticity

DESCRIPTION: Her Majesty Queen Victoria of the United Kingdom Great Britain & Ireland (1837-1901), rare royal military commission document, hand signed, "**Victoria R I,**" as Queen, at the head, one page, oblong folio, Court at Saint James's, 13th August 1900. The document appoints Vere Rogerson Cotter to be a Second Lieutenant in the Land Forces. Countersigned at the foot by St John Broderick (1856-1942) 1st Earl of Midleton. Blind embossed light blue paper seal still affixed. Framed beneath a royal portrait of the Queen by **Alexander Bassano** (1882). Queen Victoria was the first monarch in world history to be photographed.

The signature(s) is/are consistent considering slant, flow, letter size, pen pressure, and other characteristics that are typical of the known exemplars that we have examined in our professional careers.

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NOTE: It is **CAUTIONED** that this display as well as all artwork be kept out of direct sunlight.

Forensically Examined and Certified Authentic. No other opinion will be rendered or accepted. The signature below guarantees our agreement to testify as to the authenticity of this product.

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Director of Examination
Michael I. Rypel

Before me, the undersigned notary public, this day personally appeared **Michael I. Rypel**, to me known who being duly sworn according to law, claimed this to be a true document.

Sworn and subscribed to before me on May 31, 2016

Mary Galouzis #FF 906345 Notary Public – State of Florida

