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## A REMARKABLE AND POSSIBLY UNIQUE 'MORTAR' CLOCK BY THOMAS COLE

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H: 24.5 in / 62 cm

Constructed from gilt brass, the trunnion plinth of costly coromandel wood, the cannon engraved with a military trophy atop, the muzzle set with a silvered dial modelled as a cannon ball, its curved blued steel hands denoting the hours in Roman numerals; the muzzle insert removable to access the going barrel movement, lever escapement and steel balance alongside its winder. Signed and numbered by the maker.

Circa 1860

### Literature:

Thomas Cole (1800-1864)

Son of Thomas Cole Snr, a Somerset clockmaker, Cole is known as a specialist in making decorative timepieces of the highest quality. He exhibited at the Great Exhibition at the Crystal Palace in 1851; he warranted an 'honourable mention' in the Paris Exposition universelle of 1855 and the London 1862 International Exhibition, where he was awarded a medal for 'excellence of taste and design'.



