



RARE IRISH GOLD AND ENAMEL LEVER

£6,500.00

A rare mid 19th Century Irish fusee lever in a gold and enamel full hunter case decorated with shamrocks. Gilt three quarter plate keywind movement with fusee and chain, Harrison's maintaining power. Engraved cock with polished steel regulator, plain three arm gold balance with blue steel spiral hairspring. English table roller lever escapement. Decorative engine turned and engraved gold dial with subsidiary seconds, applied gold Roman numerals, blue steel hands. Substantial 18 carat full hunter case with ribbed middle. Both covers engraved and decorated with two rows of shamrocks in translucent green enamel. On the front cover the shield shaped cartouche engraved with a heraldic device. The back cover centered by a harp in blue and red and enamel. Maker's mark "JD" and number corresponding to that on the movement.

An attractive and rare watch. Unusually it appears to have been made locally. Not only does the case bear the makers mark JD but the movement is also stamped ID. (J and I were commonly interchangeable at this time). John Donegan, Dublin 1837 - noted as having two shops.

Signed John Donegan - Dublin
Hallmarked Dublin 1863
Diameter 53 mm

Hallmark	1863
Dimensions	53mm