A rare early 17th century silver mounted wooden tankard

Thomas Cleghorn of Edinburgh, circa 1640, marked TC (conjoined) five times, the straight sided laburnum body silver-mounted, the upper rim engraved with trailing foliage and flower heads, the lower girdle similarly engraved with trailing flowerheads rising from primitive angel figure, the two rims joined by an S scroll handle with acanthus leaf and figural thumbpiece, the hinged cover with foliate scroll thumb piece and embossed with a border of three male masks flanking panels of fruit, the centre with engraved armorial, the whole resting on a simple domed and socle foot with mask, fruit and S scroll decoration and engraved 'OMNE SOLUM FORTI PATRIA 1610'

15cm high (overall), rim 7.8cm diameter, foot 8cm diameter
While this first sounds fanciful, it is noted that ‘the goblets which the King would drink were antique, two centuries old’, this time line would certainly fit with the original manufacture and their adornment with the Royal arms could easily be explained. While this is only circumstantial evidence, it does add a colourful thought to the full history of the piece.

Reference:
For a full account of the King’s visit and description of the closing banquet see ‘The Kings Jaunt, George IV in Scotland, 1822’ John Prebble