

Asian and Islamic Ceramics and Works of Art / Thursday, 15th August 2019 / Lot 1150



LOT 1150

A Chinese Canton lacquer games box and cover, early 19th century, of rectangular form, the interior fitted with a set of four interfitting boxes and covers and a longer rectangular box and cover, all decorated in gilt with central crest and initial 'G' oval panel within borders of fruiting vine and meandering leafy foliage on a dark brown/black ground, length 29.2cm, width 26.3cm, height 7.4cm, the five interior boxes containing a collection of one hundred and sixty-two Canton export mother-of-pearl gaming counters, all finely engraved, some with matching crest and initial, within foliate borders, comprising twenty-nine oval, fifty-three circular and eighty of elliptical form (minor faults).

Estimate: £300 - £500

Condition Report

1150. Outer box - the cover has one replaced wooden side section, also some splits to corners and some minor losses/chips to lacquer along splits. Some wear to gilt decoration. The base of box has a section of inner rim broken out but it is present. One side has a split visible to underside. Two corners have vertical splits along the joints and typical minor chipping/losses along these splits. Typical wear to gilt decoration and a little dull in colour when comparing to the brightness of interior decoration.

Larger interfitting box - good condition, no significant damage or repairs. One end of the box has a minor repair to the inner rim. Otherwise a few minor nicks and knocks.

Four smaller boxes - three in good condition with no damage or repairs. One with broken and repaired side panel but otherwise only minor nicks and minor wear but gilt is good and fresh.

80 elliptical - all with matching 'G' crest to box.

53 circular - 34 with matching crest to box, 19 different.

29 oval - 18 with matching crest, 11 different

One circular and four oval have engraved characters. All others are engraved but have vacant cartouches.