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LOT 1195

A Chinese Canton carved export ivory part chess set, early 19th century, the Chinese side stained red, the Europeans left natural, the European white king, possibly George III or George IV, and pawns wearing wide-brimmed top hats, on carved oval bases, height of king 10.5cm (three white pawns and two red pawns missing), together with three other chess pieces, including a European carved ivory bust chess piece (some faults).

Estimate: £300 - £500

Condition Report

1195. European side (white); overall in generally good condition with typical nicks to bases that you would expect commensurate with age and use

King - a couple of tiny chips, one to tip of scarf the other to edge of cloak, otherwise in good condition.

Queen - minor chip to dress, otherwise in good condition.

Bishops - both in good condition.

Knights - both in good condition except missing flags and one with a couple of natural shrinkage cracks to base.

Rooks - one missing rider, otherwise both in generally good condition.

Pawns - 4 in generally good condition except missing spears, 1 missing left hand and spear, missing 3.

Red stained side; overall in generally good condition but with some typical wear to staining particularly on the high points, and typical minor chips/nicks that you would expect commensurate with age and use.

King- chip to sash at join of left arm and sword, chip to back of oval base.

Queen - chip to back of oval base, otherwise okay.

Bishops - both in generally good condition.

Knights - one very dirty and discoloured, both missing spears, otherwise okay.

Rooks - one missing rider, otherwise okay.

Pawns - 6 pawns all in generally good condition, 4 missing spears, 2 with parts of their spears, missing 2.

3 extra pieces;

Bust piece - chip to turning at base of stem, shrinkage crack running across hair, dirty and discoloured.

Large red knight - chips to headdress of figure and ears of horse, staining quite worn.

Red stained knight - minor chips and some discolouration and wear to staining.