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### LOT 1045

A Chinese Canton carved export ivory figural head 'King George' chess set, early 19th century, the Chinese side stained green, the European side left natural, the white king and queen as George III and Queen Charlotte, the bishops as Christian bishops and the pawns as foot soldiers, each head finial on a foliate carved knob stem and circular base, height of King George 11.3cm (minor faults and two flags from rooks missing).

Estimate: £300 - £500

### Condition Report

1045. Natural set:

King - in generally good order, but the end of the stem is chipped just above where it screws into base, otherwise good order.

Queen - overall generally good order, but the end of stem is chipped, probably where screwed into base too tightly. Missing finial to crown.

2 x bishops - both in good order, one with chipped section to end of stem.

2 x knights - both in good order.

2 x rooks - both in generally good condition, one missing a flag and chip to stem end.

8 x pawns - 6 in good condition, 2 with chips to ends of stems, but otherwise good.

All figures stable.

Green stained set:

Emperor - missing finial and chip to end of stem, otherwise ok.

Empress - chip to end of stem, otherwise in good order.

2 x bishops - good condition, minor glue residue where stem screws into base.

2 x knights - one with small chip to ear, otherwise good condition.

2 x rooks - one in good condition, other with missing flag and small chip to castellated turret and chip to end of stem.

8 x pawns - all in good condition, one has tiny chip to tip of hat.

All are stable.

Both sides have been covered in a light varnish which has attracted some tiny hairs and fibres which you can see in places under magnification.

Provenance: clearance of a local deceased estate.

