

Collectors' Items, Works of Art and Light Fittings / Thursday, 15th June 2023 / Lot 2639



LOT 2639

A late 18th century Indo-Portuguese hardwood and ivory inlaid workbox, the serpentine shaped lid with a central spray of flowers within a border of flowers, palmettes and trailing foliage, the sides with applied white metal key escutcheon and scroll handles, width 48cm (faults). Note: a non-transferrable ivory exemption certificate has been granted for the sale of this item. Provenance: from the principal contents of Stone House, Bolney, West Sussex.

Estimate: £300 - £500

Condition Report

2639. The top has a split through the centre and also approx 10cm of stringing missing on left edge, with the additional side stringing detached but present. There are a few small pieces of ivory missing, generally there is not much loss but some areas are lifting. Two areas of surface damage around the hinges and a few chips around the bottom trim. Appear to have a replacement lockplate, resulting in an area of loss to ivory around this area. Other areas of surface disturbance throughout the box, but no real sense of repairs or replacement ivory.

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