

SA646159

Rajasthan Elephant Chess Queen, circa 1840

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA646159****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 12 cm (4.7")

Width = 4 cm (1.6")

Depth = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

An Antique Indian Export Ivory Chess Queen, Rajasthan, circa 1840 polychromed painted decoration over ivory, the tusked elephant with a howdah bearing a prince, a mahout out in front, mounted on a stepped oval base. Antique elephant howdah queen from a "Rajasthan" chess set. These sets were made in Rajasthan and exported to Britain by the East India Company, which was dissolved in 1874, and its licence to rule India revoked by the Crown in 1858. The two sides (quite often in red and green) depicted the forces of the British East India Company versus the Princely States. The painted and lacquered finish is typical of Rajasthan.

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