

SA678410

Canton Export 'Burmese Pattern' Chess Set, 1836

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA678410****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 10 cm (3.9")

Width = 13 cm (5.1")

Depth = 13 cm (5.1")

Description

A Good 'Burmese Pattern' Export Ivory Chess Set by Hoaching, Canton, 1836 one side stained red, the other side left natural, the chessmen with elaborately carved decoration, kings and queens with carved faces and fleur-de-lys, bishops with mitres, knights with horses' heads, rooks as raised turrets with flags, the White Rooks with Union Flags, pawns with bud finials, in the original wooden box of square section with sliding lid, 'W.T. Copeland 1836' in pencil, 'Hoaching' trade label to the reverse of the lid. King: 9.7cm high Pawn: 5.3cm high Box: 13cm wide, 10cm high Provenance: William Taylor Copeland, MP (1797- 1868). A good 'so-called 'Burmese Pattern' ivory chess set with a distinguished provenance dating the set to Canton, 1836. These sets were mistakenly identified as 'Burmese' by antique dealers and collectors in the 1960s. With better historical research, we now know that they were made for export in Canton, rather than Burma, during the first half of the 19th century. This set is particularly interesting as it proves this exact point. Hoaching was a premier silversmith concern in Canton that also produced exquisitely carved ivory. He was a prolific craftsman...

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