



Chinese armorial saucer, Qianlong (1736-1795) POA

Chinese armorial saucer, Qianlong (1736-1795), decorated in the Imari palette with underglaze blue and overglaze iron red enamels, the centre with the arms of Horsemonden (Gules a saltire argent over all fess azure, a leopard's head affronté (unfilled) from the top two snakes vert issuant and facing the dexter and sinister the tails appearing from the mouth), the rim with four ruyi-shaped cartouches containing flowers issuing from rockwork, interspersed with scrolling peony heads and leafwork.

Diameter: 13.7cm. (5 3/8in.)

Condition: Three hair cracks and nibbles to rim.

Notes:

The Horsemonden family originated in Kent, and had connections to the East India Trading Company through John Horsemonden, who was a supercargo and second member of the Council at Canton in 1721. A plate of similar design, also with the arms of Horsemonden, can be found in the collection of the V&A (FE.44-1978) See Howard, David Sanctuary. Chinese Armorial Porcelain. London: Faber and Faber Limited, 1974, p. 176.

Material and Technique	Porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue and overglaze enamel decoration
Origin	Chinese
Period	18th Century
Condition	Good
Diameter	13.7cm. (5 3/8in.)

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