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Pair of Chinese famille rose nodding-head court lady figures, Qianlong (1736-95) POA

Pair of Chinese famille rose nodding-head court lady figures, Qianlong (1736-95), modelled standing upon square plinths with waved ogee-shaped edges and floral cartouches, the ladies with a smiling expression on their nodding heads, wearing high-necked coral red robes with indigo dragon roundels above a crashing wave motif to the bottom hem below which their protruding toes are just visible; each with a long trailing sash, wearing their hair in a chignon style and holding porcelain vases with both hands, the vessels each with a blue collar and hollow to form a holder for incense.

Condition: Some repair, restored to a high standard

Notes: A similar pair sold at Bonhams New York at the 'Cohen & Cohen 50 Years of Chinese Export Porcelain' on 24th January 2023 for USD 15,300 including premium; ours are being offered for less than half. At the sale in question they were offered as 'Lot 60 A pair of nodding-head ladies as candleholders, Qianlong period circa 1745'.

Origin Chinese

Material and Technique

Moulded porcelain with overglaze enamel decoration

Period 18th Century

Dimensions Height: 30.5cm. (12in.)