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INDO PORTUGUESE CARVED IVORY CHESS PIECE

A RARE AND INTERESTING INDO PORTUGUESE CARVED IVORY CHESS PIECE REPRESENTING A SEATED THRONED KING
TRACES OF POLYCHROME, SOME OLD DAMAGES
SMOOTH SILKY PATINA
17TH CENTURY
SIZE: 7.5CM HIGH, 4CM DIA. – 3 INS HIGH, 1½ INS DIA.

LITERATURE

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TRADE BETWEEN LISBON AND GOA IN SPREADING EXOTIC AND PRECIOUS GOODS THROUGHOUT EUROPE IS NOW OFTEN FORGOTTEN. THE PORTUGUESE DISCOVERIES OF THE 16TH AND 17TH CENTURIES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE OF THE RICHEST AND MOST COMPLETE TRANSFORMATIONS THAT TOOK PLACE IN EUROPEAN CULTURE. THIS EARLY-CARVED IVORY CHESS PIECE IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LISBON-GOA TRADE AXIS AND THE IMPORTANT EFFECT IT HAD UPON THE ARTS OF THE WEST.