Finch & Co



A VERY RARE LONG MAORI PADDLE 'HOE'

A VERY RARE LONG MAORI PADDLE 'HOE'

SUPERB COLOUR AND PATINA

WOOD

MAORI / NEW ZEALAND

LATE 18TH / EARLY 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 217CM LONG - 85½ INS LONG

A VERY RARE LONG MAORI PADDLE 'HOE'

SUPERB COLOUR AND PATINA

WOOD

MAORI / NEW ZEALAND

LATE 18TH / EARLY 19TH CENTURY

SIZE: 217CM LONG - 85½ INS LONG

LITERATURE

A FINE AND VERY LONG PADDLE, PROBABLY MADE FOR AN IMPORTANT 'WAR' CANOE. WITH A CARVED PROTECTIVE 'ANCESTOR' STYLISED 'TIKI' FIGURE TO THE BUTT. ON THE BLADE WE CAN SEE WEBSTER'S COLLECTION NUMBER: '1307'; AND TO THE REVERSE 'IMPRESSED' INITIALS FORMED FROM A 'BRANDING IRON' OR 'STAMP' WITH THE INITIALS OF THE NEW OWNER OR SAILOR WHO WOULD HAVE DEPOSITED THE PADDLE IN THE SHIP'S 'HOLD' DURING THE LONG VOYAGE BACK TO THE EUROPE.

LITERATURE:

PITT RIVERS LEDGER, ADD. 9455, VOL. 8, PP. 2248

SEE: WATERCOLOUR REPRODUCED BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE SYNDICS OF CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, ADD. 9455 VOL. 8, PG. 2248

PROVENANCE

W.D. WEBSTER, BICESTER, NO. 1307

LT. GEN. A.H.L.F. PITT-RIVERS, ACQUIRED FROM THE ABOVE 1897

SOTHEBY'S, LONDON, 27TH FEBRUARY 1978, LOT 53

EX PETER ADLER, LONDON

EX PRIVATE COLLECTION