



Chinese 'double-peacock' plate, Qianlong (1736-95)

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Chinese 'double-peacock' plate, Qianlong (1736-95), decorated in the centre with a peacock and peahen perched upon rockwork in a garden with flowering peony and other flowers, within a spear-head border to the cavetto, the wide rim with four floral garlands and a narrow band with four scrolling cartouches against an iron-red lattice ground.

Condition: Some rubbing to enamels

Notes:

King Joao VI of Portugal is known to have owned a service in this pattern. When Napoleon invaded Portugal in 1807, King Joao (who was Prince Regent at this time) fled to Brazil, taking his six services of Chinese porcelain with him, including one of this same design. The pattern is known as 'Serviço dos Pavões' in Brazil, and there are several examples in the collections of Brazilian museums today.

Material and Technique

Porcelain with overglaze polychrome enamel and gilt decoration

Origin

Chinese

Period

18th Century

Diameter

23.2cm. (9 1/4 in.)

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