



**Pair of Chinese verte-imari 'Governor Duff' plates, Yongzheng, circa 1725-30
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Pair of Chinese verte-imari 'Governor Duff' plates, Yongzheng, circa 1725-30, decorated in the centre with a Dutchman and his wife strolling in a fenced garden accompanied by their dog, the wide border with floral sprays and items from the hundred antiques; diameter: 9 in. and 9 1/16 in. (22.8cm. And 23 cm.), condition: both with minor fritting. This design is known as Diederik Durven, the Governor General of the Dutch East India Company (VOC) between 1729-31, and his wife, although the print source has not yet been discovered and the couple has also been identified as Louis XIV and Mme de Montespan; however, their raiment is more indicative of a Dutch subject. There is a similar example in the Rijksmuseum, illustrated in D.F. Lunsingh Scheurleer, 'Chinese Export Porcelain', London, p. 137, fig. 203; for a similar example see D.S. Howard, 'The Choice of the Private Trader', p. 62, pl. 37 and William Sargent, 'Treasures of Chinese Export Ceramics', p. 193, no. 91.

Material and Technique	Porcelain with Chinese verte-imari decoration and gilding
Origin	Chinese
Period	18th Century
Condition	Other
Diameter	22.8cm. / 23cm.