



Silver & Objects of Vertu (22 June 2022)

Wed, 22nd Jun 2022

Viewing:

Viewing at Chiswick Auctions Barley Mow, 10 Barley Mow Passage, W4 4PH:

Thurs 16 June - 10am to 9pm - extended hours

Fri 17 June - 10am to 4.30pm

Sat 18 June - 10am to 4pm

Mon 20 June - 10am to 4.30pm

Tues 21 June - 10am to 3pm

No viewing on days of sale

Lot 141

Estimate: £5000 - £8000 + Fees

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Raj period, comprising a teapot, a milk jug and a twin handled sugar bowl. Each of cylindrical form with a moulded corded edge. The teapot with a tapering tubular spout opposite a straight section leaf capped handle fitted with ivory insulators pinned to scroll sockets. The hinged domed lid surmounted by a detachable finial formed as a lychee atop of three leaves. The bodies with embossed decoration of foliate scrolls and rosettes interspersed with animals, on the teapot a dog chasing a hare, birds, a wolf observing a squirrel and a attaching a gazelle, all held between bands of stylised acanthus leaves. The spout, lid and handles similarly decorated with chased foliate scrolls and rosettes. Each marked underneath O,M encameo. (3)

Teapot length – 19.5 cm / 7.6 inches

Teapot height – 13.9 cm / 5.5 inches

Weight – 861 grams / 27.68 ozt

This set is illustrated in Wilkinson, W., (1999), *Indian Silver 1858-1947: Decorative Silver from the Indian Sub-Continent and Burma Made by Local Craftsmen in Western Forms*. London, Wynyard R T Wilkinson, p.83 f. 117.

Ivory de minimis pre-1947 declaration applied for: 9PF3RV9N