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AN OLD INSCRIPTION READING : ' FIJI ISLANDS ARMLET – MISS VINCENT'
19TH CENTURY
SIZE : 10 CM DIA. (MAX) 0.5 CM THICKNESS – 4 INS DIA. (MAX) ¼ INS THICKNESS

LITERATURE

ALTHOUGH THE OLD INK INSCRIPTION STATES 'FIJI ISLANDS Â€¦' AS THE ORIGIN OF THIS SHELL BRACELET, IT IS MUCH MORE LIKELY TO HAVE COME FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA WHERE THESE ARMBANDS ARE OFTEN WORN SEVERAL AT A TIME. IT IS, OF COURSE, POSSIBLE THAT IT FOUND ITS WAY TO FIJI VIA AN OLD TRADE ROUTE.