

Finch & C^o



A FINE GILT COPPER ELEPHANT CHANFRON FROM THE MAHARAJAH OF MYSORE'S DURBAR LIVERY , 19TH CENTURY

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SOUTHERN INDIA

LATE 19TH CENTURY

SIZE : 124.5 CM LONG X 49.5 CM WIDE

49 INS LONG X 19½ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

THESE PROCESSIONAL HEADDRESSES WERE USED ON CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS TO COVER THE ELEPHANTS HEAD AND TRUNK IN A GLITTERING DISPLAY OF ROYAL POWER BY THE MAHARAJAH'S OF SOUTHERN INDIA. THE ELEPHANT IS A ROYAL MOUNT AND SYMBOL OF WISDOM, POWER AND LONGEVITY.