

Finch & C^o



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19TH CENTURY

SIZE : 7.5 CM HIGH – 3 INS HIGH

LITERATURE

A TSONGA HEADMAN IS DESCRIBED BY H.A.JUNOD IN 'THE LIFE OF A SOUTH AFRICAN TRIBE' IN 1912 AS PUTTING TWO SPOONFULS OF SNUFF HE HAS MADE AND PREPARED ASIDE FOR HIS MATERNAL AND PATERNAL ANCESTORS SAYING 'HERE IS SOME TABACCO ! COME ALL OF YOU AND TAKE A PINCH AND DO NOT BE ANGRY WITH ME WHEN I SNUFF, NOR SAY THAT I DEPRIVE YOU OF YOUR SHARE'.

(JUNOD, H.A PAGE 364)