

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)