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LATE 18TH CENTURY / EARLY 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 14 CM HIGH, 10 CM DIA. – 5½ INS HIGH, 4 INS DIA.

LITERATURE

IN 1525 THE MUGHAL EMPEROR BABUR, THE FOUNDER OF THE MUGHAL DYNASTY IN NORTH INDIA, WROTE IN HIS DIARY THAT HE HAD ACQUIRED A DRINKING CUP MADE FROM THE HORN OF A RHINOCEROS. THIS CUP FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE POSSESSION OF SIR HANS SLOANE (1660 – 1753) WHOSE EXTENSIVE COLLECTIONS OF CURIOSITIES FORMED THE BASIS OF THE BRITISH MUSEUM COLLECTION. TODAY THE CUP CAN BE SEEN IN THE CELEBRATED KING'S GALLERY, IN THE 'ENLIGHTENMENT' DISPLAY AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM.