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ONE CARVED FROM WALRUS IVORY INSET WITH RED CORAL AND WITH A BLACK CORAL SPRIG FINIAL AND A PAIR CARVED FROM BUFFALO HORN WITH RED CORAL SPRIG FINIALS
EARLY 19TH CENTURY
SIZE: A 26.5CM HIGH – 10½ INS HIGH
B PAIR : 26.5CM HIGH – 10½ INS HIGH (EACH)

LITERATURE

OTTOMAN DINING TABLES WERE SET WITH SPOONS OF VARIOUS SHAPES AND SIZES FOR THE MANY DIFFERENT COURSES. THERE WERE SPECIAL SPOONS FOR RICE, FRUIT SHERBETS AND JAMS AS WELL AS ALL KINDS OF SOUP SPOONS OFTEN MADE FROM GOLD OR SILVER. THE SHERBET SPOONS WERE MADE FROM A VARIETY OF EXOTIC AND PRECIOUS MATERIALS WITH THE SPOONS MADE FOR THE SULTANS USE AT THE TOPKAPI PALACE IN ISTANBUL EXQUISITELY ENAMELLED AND DECORATED WITH JEWELS. SWEET TREATS SUCH AS COLD FRUIT SHERBET WERE A PART OF DAILY LIFE FOR THE OTTOMANS AND WERE OFTEN ENJOYED BY THE LADIES OF THE HAREM.