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LOT 1098

A Thai silver gilt and niello rectangular box, mid-19th century, the hinged lid and sides finely worked with dense rosemallow flower decoration (lai dok phuttan) within line borders and a foliate motif panel to the top, raised on four ball feet, weight 1144g, length 24.6cm, height 10.4cm, depth 15cm (repair to edges of base panel). Note: the niello technique is believed to have been introduced to Thailand either by the Portuguese or the Persians; traders from both countries had an early presence in the kingdom. Niello work became a speciality of the Southern Siamese (Thai) city of Nakhon Si Thammarat. For similarly decorated boxes, see 'Thai Silver and Nielloware' by Paul Bromberg, Pages 37 and 62.

Estimate: £1,500 - £2,500

Condition Report

1098. Good sized box with attractive decoration. Typical surface scratches and wear to the exterior. Hinge is good and lid closes tightly.

The main condition issue is the base panel which has been pushed in and has had solder repairs. This will need attention and a neater repair.

Minor misshaping to the rim of the lid particularly to the front corners.

Minor knocks and dents to surfaces.

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