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LOT 1100

A Chinese pale celadon jade box and cover, Qianlong period, of peach outline, the top finely carved in low relief with an insect flying above a fruiting branch, the stone of pale celadon tone with faint russet markings to the front of the cover, height 3.6cm, length 7.1cm, applied John Sparks paper circular label to base. Provenance: Sir William Younger, 1st Baronet, of Auchen Castle (1862-1937), and thence by descent. Sir William was the current vendor's great grandfather. Note: Sir William Younger was a Scottish politician who served as a Member of Parliament for a total of eleven years between 1895 and 1910. His residences were Auchen Castle in Moffat, Scotland, and 45 Prince's Gardens, London. It is believed it was during his time in London that his interest in Asian art began and he purchased this piece at John Sparks, 128 Mount St, Mayfair premises.

Estimate: £2,000 - £4,000

Condition Report

11. The box and cover are in generally very good clean condition. The stone is a good uniform colour with russet inclusions to the front area of the cover.

The cover is finely carved, it has a few very minor nicks to the rim and a tiny bruise to the front edge. There are three visible russet coloured diagonal line inclusions to the front side of the cover and two paler line inclusions to the edges.

The box base also in good condition with only a couple of tiny nicks to rim, but nothing significant. Two small line inclusions to the edges of the base. No significant damage or repairs.

The box and cover are a good tight fit.

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