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Estimate: 1,500,000 - 2,500,000 HKD

oil on Korean paper

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76.2 by 59.1 cm., 30 by 23 1/4 in.

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PROVENANCE

Dr. Wuensch Germany, early 20th century. A rare book dealer in Heidelberg, Germany. E.J. Brill, Leiden, Netherlands, 1985.

LITERATURE

E.J. Brill, Catalogue 544, Leiden 1985, no. 8.

HK\$1,500,000-2.500,000

US\$194,000-323,000

清乾隆約三十六年 (傳) 艾啟蒙等 (策伯克多爾濟像) 油彩紙本 木框

標題:

兩側漢滿文「土爾扈特親王策伯克多爾濟」 畫背標籤「第貳」

臉龐豐腴,額有褶皺,目深眉彎,兩類微鼓泛紅,蓄髭鬚。朝冠頂嵌紅珠,加戴三眼孔雀花翎,身穿石青地補服,身前兩肩飾團五爪金蟒紋,其緣鑲毛皮邊。胸前掛朝珠一串,飾有珊瑚紅珠,以碧綠圓珠作佛頭,並有嬌黃小珠作紀念。背景滿塗淺藍,色略近松石綠。上方左右兩側以滿漢文書寫人物官銜姓名,背面左上角有土黃色標籤,上書其編號。

來源:

Wuensch 醫生·德國,二十世紀初 德國海德堡珍本書商

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149 INSCRIPTIONS IN MANCHU AND CHINESE



The Manchu transliteration:

Tuerhute qinwang Cebekeduoerji

The English translation:
The Torqut Zebekdorji, Imperial Prince

Zebekdorji (d. 1778) was the son of a paternal third cousin and son-in-law of Ubasi Khan the leader of the Torgut. He was also a descendent of Gunjab, the eldest son of Ayuki Khan. Zebekdorji was the eldest son of Galdan Norbu.

In 1771 Zebekdorji arrived in Jehol with the Torguts and was awarded by the Emperor the rank of *Hośoi cinwang* with the honorary qualification *Buyantu* [Mongolian, 'virtuous, happy']. He was appointed *Jasag* and awarded a three-eyed peacock feather, a yellow riding-jacket, yellow bridle reins and a horse from the imperial stables. In 1772, the pasture ground (camp) of Qobog sari, appr. 600 *li* (miles) East of Tarbagatai, was given to him as an imperial present. He went to audience and submitted horses as presents; one of them named Baojiliu,' who was counted among the 8 *jun* (beautiful horses) of the imperial stables. Zebekdorji was also appointed chief of the (Torgut) League and *Jasag*. He also received the seal of the Head of the League (a league was the largest administrative unit in Mongolia during Qing times). He passed away in 1778 and was succeeded by his younger brother Kirib (q.v.) (**lot 152**).

Zebekdorji was the mastermind behind the transmigration of the Torgut. He persuaded Ubasi Khan that there was no other option. During the trek he reminded his compatriots of the (not so real) danger of the Russian troops when their enthusiasm flagged, seeing both the tribe and their cattle shrink in numbers.

策伯克多爾濟(1778年卒),為噶勒丹諾爾布之長子:阿玉奇汗長子 衰扎布乃其曾祖,汗渥巴錫則乃其族叔父。

乾隆三十六年(1771),策伯克多爾濟隨土爾扈特部回歸,御封「和碩親王」,賜號「布延圖」(蒙古語,有仁德、快樂之意),並授「扎薩克」,獲賞三眼孔雀翎、黃馬褂及御廐馬黃轡。乾隆三十七年(1772),獲賜牧於和博克薩哩,即塔爾巴哈台以東約六百里。策伯克多爾濟上獻實馬,當中有名驥「寶吉騮」,乃御廐八駿之一。1策伯克多爾濟遂獲委任土爾扈特部北路盟長,賜「扎薩克」及盟長印。四十三年(1778),策伯克多爾濟辭世,爵位由其弟奇里布(編號152)承繼。詳見《欽定外藩蒙古回部王公表傳》,欽定四庫全書本,卷13,頁4、及卷102,頁6-8。

策伯克多爾濟乃土爾扈特部東歸之主腦人物·他游説汗渥巴錫指除東 歸外別無他選。遷移路上·眼見同行隊伍及牲口日減,其部族人民難 免有灰心之時·策伯克多爾濟提醒他們俄羅斯部隊之可怖,以喚起群 眾東歸決心。

¹ Baojiliu was painted by Sichelbarth, by Imperial Command, dated to 1773, now in the Palace Museum, Beijing.

¹高宗命艾啟蒙繪《寶吉驅圖》,紀年癸巳(1773),現藏北京故宮博物院。