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Antique Copper Plaque of Akbar the Great, 1545-1605

£880

Mughal Emperor of India, shown in profile and worked in repoussée copper. Presented in the original ebonised hardwood frame

SKU: B4499

Height: 64 cm (25 inches)

Width: 47 cm (18.5 inches)

Year: 19th century



Abu'l-Fath Jalal ul din Muhammad Akbar (1545-1605), known as Akbar the Great, was the third Mughal Emperor who ruled from 1556 until his death. Akbar succeeded his father, Humayun, under a Regent, Bairam Khan, who helped the young Emperor to grow into his role and to consolidate Mughal domains in India. Because of Mughal military, political, cultural and economic dominance his power and influence extended beyond his borders, which he was able to extend exponentially during his reign. To preserve unity in his far-flung and religiously and culturally diverse kingdom he eschewed tribal bonds and an Islamic state identity, building a stable economy and united realm.