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Title Tea Bowl and Saucer

Date early 19th century

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Wheel-thrown Chinese export porcelain with overglaze brown enamel

Description Chinese export porcelain tea bowl and saucer with hand-painted

overglaze brown, or sepia-toned, enamel. Tea bowl (.a): The tea bowl is

decorated at the outside of the rim with three solid lines of brown enamel with a

line of brown dots between the top two solid lines. Below these is a scalloped,

dotted line. Periodically, around the tea bowl, the scalloped line is decorated

with a cluster of flowers. Well below these flowers, further down the outside of

the tea bowl, four additional decorations are hand-painted. Two of these are a

flower and leaves, while the other two decorations are more abstract lines or

leaves. The inside rim of the tea bowl is decorated with a line of small

arrowheads. The inside bottom of the tea bowl is decorated with a large flower

with smaller flowers around it. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as lines or

dots on the surface. A large black, or dark brown, circle on the inside side of the

tea bowl appears to be burn damage to the glaze and porcelain below. Saucer (.b):

The saucer is decorated with a central large flower with smaller flowers

grouped around it. This is surrounded by an area of white, then a circular border

of small arrowheads, hand-painted on the inside edge of the rim. The outer edge

of the rim has the same series of borders as the tea bowl, beginning with three

solid lines of brown enamel with a line of brown dots between the top two solid

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lines. Below these is a scalloped, dotted line. In four places around the tea bowl, the scalloped line is decorated with a cluster of flowers. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as lines or dots on the surface of the saucer.

Dimensions Component (height x diameter of tea bowl): $1 \frac{7}{8} \times 3 \frac{1}{2}$ in. (4.8 x 8.9 cm) Component (diameter of saucer): $5 \frac{1}{4}$ in. (13.3cm)