

3 A superb cinnabar red Imperial lacquer panel, decorated with a carved mountainous landscape depicting the Sichuan campaigns of General Aqiu. The panel, with a rectangular section of raised calligraphy in the top left hand corner, which refers to the campaign. The border carved with Imperial five-clawed dragons amongst clouds. The ground incised in patterns of blue, red, brown and green. The reverse with bats, cloud sprays and the Eight Auspicious Emblems in gold to a black lacquer ground.

Qianlong period (1736-95)

Height: 77.5 cms

Length: 109.25 cms

For a similar example see: *Chinese Lacquer*, by Edward F. Strange, plate XXVI.

Aqui was an official and General as well as a member of the Zhangjia clan. In 1763 Aqiu was appointed to the Grand Council and his family raised from the Manchu plain blue banner rank to the plain white banner rank. In 1764 he was appointed acting Governor General of Sichuan and despatched there to investigate reports of disturbances. In 1771 there was an uprising in the wild area of West Sichuan. The powerful chieftains in this mountainous region defended their strategic passes with massive stone forts,

as depicted in the panel. One such fort, Da Jingjuan, defended by a few thousand men, withstood every attack by Aqiu for over three years. Aqiu only succeeded in taking the fort by using cannon, under the direction of Da Rocha, a Portuguese missionary. The Sichuan chieftains surrendered in 1776. On his return to Beijing Aqiu was personally welcomed at the gates of the city by the Emperor Qianlong. Panels of this type were hung in the Imperial palaces and particularly in the Summer Palace. Qianlong himself was very fond of carved lacquer and had important works made for his apartments.



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7.	5,000	62.	1,250	117.	550
8.	3,750	63.	350	118.	1,200
9.	5,000	64.	750	119.	2,600
10.	1,500	65.	525	120.	2,200
11.	6,500	66.	350	121.	650
12.	22,000	67.	575	122.	1,400
13.	525	68.	350	123.	900
14.	6,000	69.	5,000	124.	1,800
15.	2,500	70.	1,750	125.	450
16.	1,250	71.	1,800	126.	800
17.	600	72.	2,000	127.	800
18.	1,500	73.	3,250	128.	700
19.	1,400	74.	4,250	129.	520
20.	600	75.	3,000	130.	7,500
21.	450	76.	3,250	131.	3,000
22.	500	77.	2,500	132.	425
23.	350	78.	850	133.	2,750
24.	525	79.	10,000	134.	2,250
25.	4,500	80.	3,500	135.	1,750
26.	3,250	81.	2,000	136.	2,500
27.	3,500	82.	1,250	137.	4,250
28.	2,750	83.	3,500	138.	12,000
29.	2,500	84.	6,000	139.	5,500
30.	575	85.	8,500	140.	425
31.	2,250	86.	850	141.	575
32.	3,250	87.	2,500	142.	350
33.	1,750	88.	4,000	143.	2,750
34.	8,000	89.	1,750	144.	1,750
35.	600	90.	850	145.	750
36.	725	91.	750	146.	1,500
37.	650	92.	975	147.	1,500
38.	2,750	93.	275	148.	1,250
39.	525	94.	850	149.	850
40.	380	95.	1,500	150.	4,250
41.	850	96.	850	151.	1,500 the pair
42.	850	97.	975	152.	1,500 the pair
43.	925	98.	12,000	153.	1,500 the pair
44.	16,000	99.	1,500	154.	1,550
45.	14,000	100.	750	155.	375
46.	850	101.	525		
47.	525	102.	275		
48.	1,525	103.	2,500		
49.	875	104.	2,000		
50.	575	105.	5,000		
51.	2,500	106.	1,500		
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54.	650	109.	3,500		
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