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Two Late Regency Collectors: Philip John Miles and George Byng, 1815-45 Thursday, 9 June 2005

Total: £ 4,765,600	Lots Offered: 174	Lots Sold: 147	Sale No: 7164
\$ 8,687,688	Sold by Lot: 84%	Sold by £: 98%	\$: 1.823 / €: 1.491
€ 7,105,509			

Comment: Orlando Rock, Director and Head of House Sales Department, Christie's

"Appealing to both academic connoisseurs and whimsical collectors alike, this evocative sale offered a fascinating and romantic insight into the Collecting Tastes of Regency England. Angus Scott, Pat Galligan and all the porters yet again transformed the viewing room into a theatrical feast for the eyes. Rarely has an object captivated a view in quite the same way as the magnificent pietra dura table, and it was particularly gratifying that it found its true level after a frenzied bidding battle that saw no less than 6 collectors vying for it, even over the £1 million mark; a true masterpiece. From Lucius Verus to Queen Charlotte's flower vases, Boulle candelabra to frog-supported jardinières, ivory chess-sets to the George II mahogany serpentine commode, the estimates were consistently and overwhelmingly surpassed. We are all thrilled that the tastes of these two connoisseurs have been vindicated in the 21st Century."

LOTS	£	\$	€	Estimate	Buyer
50	£2,024,000	\$3,689,752	€3,017,784	£300,000-500,000	Private
A Magnificent Italian Pietra Dura table top on a Regency ormolu-mounted giltwood and rosewood base					
100	£792,000	\$1,443,816	€1,180,872	£250,000-400,000	Private
A George II Mahogany Serpentine Commode					
17	£276,800	\$504,606	€412,708	£30,000-50,000	Private
A pair of Royal George III Silver-Gilt flower-vases					
24	£153,600	\$280,012	€229,017	£60,000-90,000	Private
A pair of Louis XIV Ormolu four-light candelabra					
20	£142,400	\$259,595	€212,318	£50,000-80,000	Trade
A monumental carved marble bust of Lucius Verus					
16	£131,200	\$239,177	€195,619	£25,000-35,000	Private
A pair of Royal George III silver-gilt toilet-boxes, covers and stands					
150	£78,000	\$142,194	€116,298	£30,000-50,000	Trade
A Venetian ebonised, walnut and burr-walnut side table					
38	£74,400	\$135,631	€110,930	£6,000-10,000	Private
A pair of George IV ormolu-mounted Chinese black and gold lacquer jardinières					
12	£62,400	\$113,755	€93,038	£15,000-25,000	Private
An ormolu-mounted tulipwood, kingwood and porcelain-mounted table en chiffonniere					
31	£38,400	\$70,003	€57,254	£30,000-50,000	Trade
A silver-gilt and coral mounted agate bowl and cover					