



Passion for Fashion (62)

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Lot 33

Estimate: £20000 - £30000 + Fees

An Imperial dragon robe, jifu, Chinese, late 19th century, the heavy yellow silk ground embroidered with all twelve Imperial symbols and with nine couched gold thread five clawed coiling dragons, worked in floss silks with turbulent waves, lushui striped hem, chest 81cm, 32in from one curve of the underarm to the other; length from centre back neck to edge of embroidered hem 130cm, 51in

Provenance: This robe has been in the same British family for generations. It is reputed to have been brought to England from China in the 19th century.