

IMPERIAL ROBE

State robe of empress, showing the back. Yellow silk gauze, embroidered in silk with eight medallions. Each medallion contains a five-clawed dragon worked in gold thread and framed by a wreath of waves from which rises a rocky island. The waves are interspersed with nine red bats, symbols of happiness, and each bat is combined with an auspicious character or symbol.

Ch'ien-lung period