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Plate 2. "Yamantaka-Vajrabhairava". No. 794-3, MAE RAS. 29.5×40.5 cm. Canvas, gouache. Mongolia (?), end of the 19th—beginning of the 20th century. Photo by the author. Courtesy of the Museum.

Plate 3. "Ganesha". No. 794-4, MAE RAS. 32×42.5 cm. Canvas, mineral paints. Tibetan-Chinese style, end of the 19th century. Photo by Alexander Sinitsin. Courtesy of the Museum.