

SA1185989

Antique 19th Century Padouk Anglo-Indian Campaign Secretaire Chest & Cupboard

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1185989****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 168.5 cm (66.3")

Width = 96 cm (37.8")

Depth = 43 cm (16.9")

Description

An early 19th century Padouk Anglo Indian Campaign Chest with a secretaire & cupboard. With gadrooned carved moulding detailing on all edges, gadrooned turned feet and round wooden handles. The top largest drawer, opens downwards to reveal a secretaire writing surface, pigeon holes, and drawers. The leather writing surfaces open upwards to reveal further storage space, and when the secretaire is opened a spring mechanism pushes forward a section of storage compartments. The cupboard on top opens to reveal two shelves. There are 4 handles on this piece, two on each side, this is traditional with most campaign pieces, to allow for the top cupboards and chest of drawers to be lifted and moved for ease of transportation. Provenance: In the restoration process we discovered underneath the pigeon hole section a hollow space which had been unopened since this campaign piece was created. We opened this to find a few pieces of paper which must have slipped behind the back of the secretaire drawers and pigeon holes over its life, all pieces of paper fairly worn, aged, and some ripped. One of the pieces of paper was a programme for a military march by 1st Madras Fusiliers in Mad...

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