

SA1215636

Mahogany Campaign chest of drawers

Price

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Item Reference: SA1215636

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Description

The "Chaplain's Chest" – 19th Century Mahogany Campaign Chest from HMS Briton A Tangible Link to Victorian Naval History This is not merely a piece of campaign furniture; it is a documented maritime artifact. Beneath the drawers of this solid mahogany chest lies a rare historical "fingerprint"—period copperplate inscriptions that identify its exact location and owner during the 19th century: "Chaplain, Cabin No. 5 from aft-Port, Briton"

Historical Context: HMS Briton The inscription almost certainly refers to HMS Briton, a 1,831-ton wooden screw corvette launched in 1869. Known for her "ram-bow" and sail-and-steam propulsion, she served extensively on the East Indies Station. Naval Chaplains were high-ranking officers of the "After-Guard," and their quarters were situated in the most stable and prestigious part of the ship—the stern (aft). The mention of "Cabin No. 5 from aft-Port" provides a vivid blueprint of life aboard a Victorian warship, where space was a luxury and every inch of furniture had to be "campaign-ready." Features & Construction True Campaign Build: Designed in two distinct sections with original brass side-carrying handles, allowing it to be ...

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