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A SUPERB VICTORIAN MAHOGANY FOLDING CAMPAIGN TABLE WITH TURNED AND SHAPED LEGS CIRCA 1860

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA223406****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Description

A VERY ELEGANT AND PRACTICAL, FOLDING, VICTORIAN MAHOGANY CAMPAIGN TABLE IN FINE WORKING CONDITION. CIRCA 1860. THIS TABLE WILL SERVE VERY WELL IN A DOMESTIC SETTING BUT WAS DESIGNED AS A TRAVELLING PIECE FOR A LADY OR GENTLEMAN AND VERY LIKELY FOR A HIGH RANKING OFFICER OR PIONEER. ITEMS OF FURNITURE SUCH AS THIS WERE DESIGNED TO BE CARRIED IN A FOLDED OR 'BROKEN DOWN' STATE AND SET UP IN THE FIELD WHERE A LEVEL OF COMFORT AND CIVILISED AMENITY WERE TO BE AFFORDED BEST IDENTIFYING WITH THAT EXPECTED IN QUIETER AND MORE DOMESTIC CIRCUMSTANCES AT HOME. THIS PRACTICE SOMETIMES LED TO EXTREMES WHERE A FULL SIZED DINING TABLE WITH SILVER AND CRYSTAL, MOUNTED WITH LIT CANDELABRA AND ATTENDED BY LIVERIED 'FLUNKIES' WOULD BE SET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT OR JUNGLE FOR A DINNER ATTENDED BY THOSE WEARING DINNER SUITS AND GOWNS! THIS LITTLE TABLE IS MORE CONSERVATIVE BUT NEVERTHELESS BEAUTIFULLY MADE AND DISPLAYING EXCELLENT COLOUR AND PATINA. I HAVE SET THE TABLE WITH A FEW ODD ITEMS THAT A PIONEER MIGHT WELL HAVE HAD ABOUT HIM OR HER WHEN OUT IN THE WIDERNESS OR ON THE BATTLE FIELD. THESE ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE. THE TABLE FUNCTIONS PERFECTLY AND IS READY FOR USE. ALL...

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