

SA694605

C19th Chinese Export trade
camphor wood brass-bound
military campaign writing box .

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA694605

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 23 cm (9.1")

Width = 46 cm (18.1")

Depth = 43 cm (16.9")

Description

C19th Chinese Export trade camphor wood brass-bound military campaign writing box. High quality brass-bound military officer's solid camphor wood portable campaign writing box and slope . The top with a retractable mechanism tambour lid , which opens when the front drawer is used . Inside the tambour closure is a rising 'sprung ' stationary compartment fitted with divisions and pigeon-holes . The fold-over lid opening to form a baize-lined writing slope . The interior with 'secret' drawer compartments and complete with original circular ruler . The lid inlaid with a fine ebony re-entrant corner panel line . The edges of the top with protective brass banding , the sides each fitted with a quality recessed brass carrying handle , the drawer also fitted with a recessed brass handle . The lid has a brass name-plate panel to the centre , which bears a later presentation inscription. In excellent original condition with no damage, losses or repairs. The sweet-scented camphor has a rich golden patina and colour . The use of Chinese camphor alludes to its probable intended use in tropical climes of a military campaign, as this timber is renowned for its insect repellent pr...

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