

SA751659

Rare Chinese Export Camphor Wood Campaign Dressing Chest

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA751659****Date of manufacture: 1890**

Dimensions

Height = 218.5 cm (86.0")

Width = 122 cm (48.0")

Depth = 51 cm (20.1")

Description

A stunning late 19th Century Chinese Export solid camphor wood campaign secretaire dressing chest. The interior bears the remains of the manufacturers label for the award winning Sui Kee Chan of Queen's Street East, Hong Kong (see label) who was a winner of a gold medal for furniture making at the London exhibition in 1886 which was awarded by Edward the Prince of Wales. The original dressing table superstructure having a bevel edged mirror with swan neck pediment and carved and pierced Chinese detail including vases, flowers, fruit and cornucopia, the mirror flanked by shaped shelves with 2 small drawers below which have sunken campaign handles and brass locks. The top 2 drawer chest section having a well fitted secretaire drawer with pigeon holes, drawers, and retaining the original tooled leather writing surface. The lower section having a further 2 conforming drawers with rounded corners which have carved Shou motifs. Each section with brass side carry handles and applied mouldings to the drawer fronts, the whole raised on detachable and original claw feet. This unusual piece of campaign furniture benefits from working brass locks with keys throughout. Condition- Ve...

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