

SA910500

Mid C18th Dutch East Indies colonial brass-mounted padauk coffer or strong-box .

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA910500

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 50 cm (19.7")

Width = 85 cm (33.5")

Depth = 42 cm (16.5")

Description

Mid C18th Dutch East Indies colonial brass-mounted padauk coffer or strong-box . Raised on large turned ball feet to the front with shaped bracket feet to the rear. The lid mounted with dome-top studs , the front with a large pierced gilded-brass escutcheon together with the original key . The base with a heavily-moulded surround. . The ends fitted with heavy quality gilded-brass carrying-handles with elaborate pierced back-plates. The cleated edge lid opening to reveal strap hinges to the underside , with a plain void interior. Fitted with the original lock and working key . A highly decorative chest of smaller scale and proportions, designed to be highly portable and probably to transport money and valuables. In excellent original condition with a rich colour and patina. Manufactured in the Dutch colonies of the East Indies known as Batavia . These ornate and decorative portable chests or strong-boxes were prized possessions and status symbols used by officers and officials of the Dutch colonists or V.O.C .("Vereenigde Oostindische Compagnie"). H 20" W 34" D 17" Batavia , Indonesia c.1750

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