Low Campaign Cupboard with Drawers

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Height: 85.69 cm (33.7")

Width: 99.02 cm (39")

Depth: 59.03 cm (23.2")

Description

A strong, brass bound mahogany Low Cupboard with drawers to take silver.

Everything about this campaign cupboard tells you that it was made for strength. The wide, cast brass straps are fixed with 8 screws each, extra straps are used at the corners, the door hinges are bigger than standard, the screw fittings for the removable, replaced feet are metal instead of wood, the back and doors are panelled and it's a good weight even when empty.

Behind the doors are 3 graduated drawers with skeletal campaign handles. Each drawer is baize lined and fitted with various compartments to take silver. The 2 bigger bottom drawers are fitted with inset casters to the back to help them run easily under their weight. These drawers also have some compartments with trays which necessitate the drawer being removed to access the contents below the trays. The bottom drawer has compartments with lids fitted with lugs to the underside to hold decanters etc. in place.

All in all, this piece of furniture is fit for purpose and its purpose, of course, is to house silver. It is also clearly made for travel which begs the question as to who might of owned it. The large, oval inset brass name plate to the top is not engraved. Its possible it held a regiment's silver but you would expect it to be better marked, unless it had an outer packing case, which is possible as it doesn't have carrying handles. It is also possible that it was owned by a very wealthy individual.

For modern day use, the cupboard is a good, low height and can be further reduced with the removal of the feet. It could still be used to house a collector's silver or perhaps ceramics but with a little thought, a number of things could be stored in it. Mid 19th Century.

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