Camphor Campaign Cupboard

Sold



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Height: 110 cm (43.3")

Width: 60 cm (23.6")

Depth: 48.5 cm (19.1")

Description

A camphor wood Campaign Cupboard.

This is an unusual piece of portable furniture. We have seen upright packing case cupboards (designed to transport a chest) before which have been similar dimensions but this piece was never intended as a packing case. It was made as an upright cupboard in its own right. The locks have been replaced and have keys, which of course, act as the handle to open the door.

The door has two locks and it is brass bound. The straps are surface mounted with brass screws but it also has inset corner straps to the front edge. They are at each corner and butt up to the surface of the mounted straps. The cupboard is constructed with wide, open dovetails and has two pine shelves to the interior. The camphor has a rich golden colour and when you open the door the smell of the wood, which is so off putting to moths etc., hits you. It could also be laid down to use like a trunk but the unpolished base would be on view.

It is likely that this was made by a Chinese cabinet maker at the turn of 1900, for a European. Every now and then you find a quirky piece of furniture. This fits into that category but its proportions make it very practical for both storage and to display items on top. Early 20th Century.

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