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Dealers in Campaign Furniture
& Travel Items

Secrétaire Naval Campaign Chest

Sold



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REF: 6650

Height: 98.5 cm (38.8")

Width: 90 cm (35.4")

Depth: 42 cm (16.5")

Description

This mahogany, two part campaign chest is of small proportions and has a secretaire to the top drawer, important for an officer to carry out his paperwork.

It does not have casters, as some Naval Chests have but the gallery to the top strongly suggests it was intended for use on board ship. There are also carrying handles to the side, which would be used for tying down the chest.

Adkin notes in 'Trafalgar - A biography of a battle' that the surgeon would use the midshipman's chests, lashed together with tarpaulin on which to lay out the wounded sailors, in the absence of a table. The chest is of good quality, stands on bracket feet and has a reeded, fiddle gallery moulding to the top.

A good, early example of a military chest. Early 19th century.