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Colonial Folding Chair

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Height: 83.79 cm (33")

Width: 45.7 cm (18")

Depth: 43.16 cm (17")

Description

A Colonial rosewood folding Campaign Chair.

This chair is made of solid rosewood with a pegged joint construction and long uncut bolts used for the folding mechanism. The back is hinged to the seat and held in place against the carved, shaped back rail by two cut out notches. The top of the back uprights each have a stepped joint cut to fit in the notches. Although the back is angled it has a tendency to fall forward against the seat when the chair is moved. Consequently, the swab cushions for the caned seat and back have laces to not only hold them in place but also to prevent the back falling forward in doing so.

The front legs and back uprights both have grooves cut to the centre of the wood to allow the fixing bolts that unite them to the chair to slide along, thus folding the chair.

The design of the back rail is unusual and may suggest a Portuguese influence. Mid to late 19th Century.

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