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Georgian Campaign Sofa

Sold

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Height: 86.33 cm (34")

Width: 185.35 cm (73")

Depth: 71.09 cm (28")

Description

A mahogany Portable Sofa with removable back and arms.

The back and arms have long dowels fitting to socket joints to the sofa's base. Although these hold them in place, bolts to the top of the back fixing it to the arms and from the underside of the frame up into the sides provide the strength that you would expect from its domestic equivalent.

The sofa has a straight back with the upholstery edged in a line of reeded mahogany show wood. The arms terminate in scrolls with a roundel to each side and are supported by a conical post carved with a spiral reed. This decoration follows through on the turned front leg which has a cupped castor. The back leg is a square section and so the castor isn't cupped.

The method for dismantling this sofa was one commonly used on such furniture. Some would have been regularly dismantled and set up, if used by an officer. Others were made this way to simply save space in the ship's hold if exporting them to places such as Australia, where they would be fixed and upholstered.

The sofa is comfortable and has the added practicality of dismantling if needed to go up a tricky staircase etc. Circa 1830.

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