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Dealers in Campaign Furniture
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Regency Writing Slope

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Height: 18 cm (7.1")

Width: 46 cm (18.1")

Depth: 26 cm (10.2")

Description

A rosewood veneered on mahogany Portable Desk or Writing Slope.

This box is edged in brass and has 3 inset brass tramlines to the edges. The unused, shaped brass engraving plate to the top echoes the shape of the elaborate escutcheon. The lock and its receiving plate are both marked with an L in an oval. The writing area is re-lined in dark blue baize and both the bottom and top boards lift to reveal storage areas for papers. The bottom board has thin criss-crossed ribbons to its underside to hold notes. The area underneath the top board also gives access to the 3 rosewood faced drawers hidden under the desk tidy. The sprung facia board hiding the secret drawers is released by lifting a divider to the desk tidy which has divisions for inkwells, a pen tray and a lidded and a sloped compartment.

The side drawer can be opened once its brass locking pin is removed. The flush handles to the drawer and the opposite side of the box are an early form and small in size. Although a fairly standard design, this slope is elevated by its use of rosewood and extra brass. Circa 1820.