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Dealers in Campaign Furniture
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Campaign Writing Table

Sold



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REF: 82209

Height: 76 cm (29.9")

Width: 63.5 cm (25")

Depth: 41 cm (16.1")

Description

A small, mahogany George IV Writing Table.

The table has a reeded, lift up top with an overhanging desk tidy with dummy drawer to one side and a plain compartment with drawer below to the other. This drawer is locked with a brass pin from above. The same method is used for locking the larger drawer to the middle. The top is held up by a simple bar on a pivot pin to the overhanging compartment. Underneath the top is a writing slope adjustable to 6 positions and hinged to the middle to access the storage area below.

The ring turned legs stand on brass cup casters and fit to the table on long steel threads to give a firm fix. The corners of the table above the legs have cock beaded panels, as does the main drawer and the dummy drawer above it.

The designer of this table was more interested in making a piece of furniture that was fashionable than considering the added practicality of a square shape and flush handles for ease of packing. That being said, it is likely that it originally had a packing case and its small size adds to its convenience. It is well considered with the dummy drawers, cock beaded panels and use of a better cut of mahogany to the main drawer lifting it. Circa 1825.

The final photo is taken from Homes & Antiques magazine, who asked to borrow the table for a shoot. We are grateful to the Stylist Jaine Bevan and the Photographer Phil Sowels for the image.