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**Dealers in Campaign Furniture
& Travel Items**

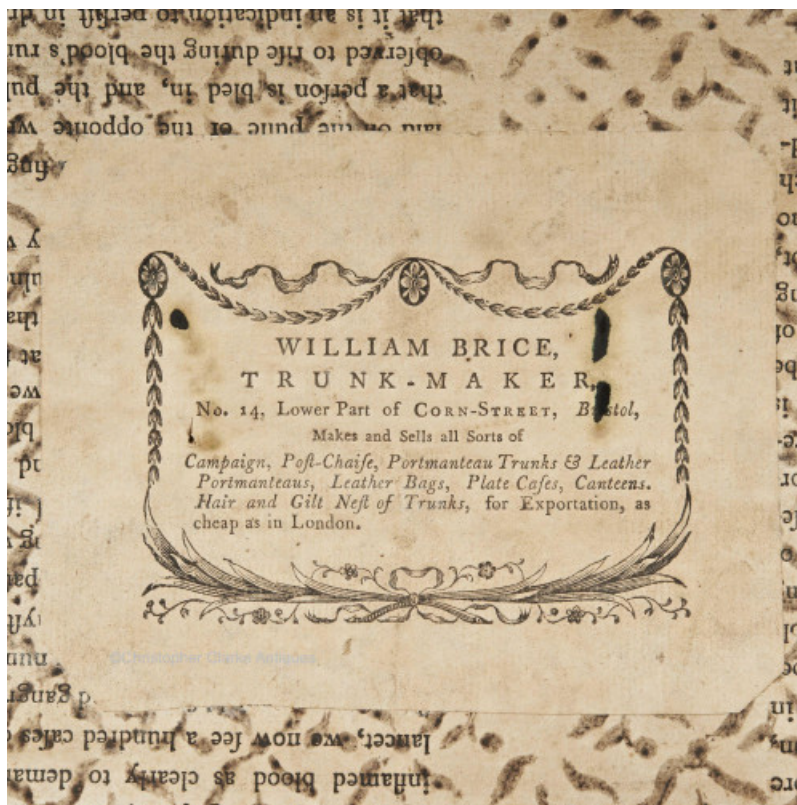
Domed Top Box by Brice

William Brice

REF: 82083

Height: 15.5 cm (6.1") Width: 25.5 cm (10") Depth: 16 cm (6.3")

Sold



A leather on softwood Domed Top Box or Casket by William Brice.

The box has a brass carrying handle to the top, a brass hasp lock and studs to both the top and bottom sections, where they meet. The lid is held by 2 strong hinges and the bottom of the casket has a lip to ensure a good fit. The interior is lined in over printed old newsprint, as was the custom in the day, from either a book or pamphlet entitled *Medical Vulgar Errors Refuted*. It's likely that this was written by John Jones M.B. and published in 1797. The interior also has a label to the lid for William Brice of No. 14 Lower Corn Street, Bristol.

This box is typical of the many made either side of 1800 by a variety of makers. However, it has added interest for the maker's label which uses the word *Campaign* to describe his wares. A number of makers described their products as suitable for camp or for the army, navy and HEIC but few used the word *Campaign* to describe travelling goods. Aside from Brice it is known that a trunk maker named Griffith from Mary-le-bone Street, London did so around the same time period. Drew also later described Campaigning

Equipment in their flyer of 1885.

The trunk is well made, using thick wood and has a very interesting label. Circa 1800.