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Large Georgian Portable Desk

£610

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Height: 17.77 cm (7")

Width: 50.78 cm (20")

Depth: 26.02 cm (10.2")

Description

A Georgian mahogany Portable Desk or Writing Slope.

The box has shaped brass corners and long straps that run from the front to the back of the box, butted up against short straps to the side corners. The top has a shaped engraving plate, and the campaign handles to the sides are an unusual design.

The box follows a standard design followed by most throughout the 19th century with a drawer to the side, two baized boards with space below forming the writing area and a desk tidy area with a pen tray and inkwells dividers etc. to the top. However, the positioning of the pressure point to open the secret drawers is in a place we haven't seen before. Typically it is within the desk tidy area, in the lock or there is a false screw head to push. This desk is more innovative by hiding it under the board above the drawer. To release it, the drawer is opened and you put your hand inside to press it. The sprung facia board conceals three small drawers faced in satinwood with ebony knobs.

The desk is well made and bares the characteristics of the good Georgian boxes: good timber and brass furniture, steel screws and a subtle elegance. Early 19th century.

Closed size is given.

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