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**Dealers in Campaign Furniture
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Campaign Bidet

REF: 82644

Height: 47.61 cm (18.7") Width: 43.8 cm (17.2") Depth: 24.76 cm (9.7")

Sold



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A Cuban mahogany, brass bound Portable Bidet.

The legs of this Bidet are hinged to fold flat and lock to the underside of the case rather than having screw in legs like most campaign bidets. We have seen this concept before but the legs have been straight whereas this bidet's legs have a pleasing shape. The legs are shaped to fit within each other to give a flat base to the bidet when packed. A brass catch to the pair of legs and overhanging brass plates to the single ensure that they can be held in position for travel. When opened to the vertical position, a hinged brass loper fitted to each side, lifts to lock the legs at a right angle for use. The leg boards are held by wide hinges, each fixed with ten screws for strength.

The top of the bidet is not removable but hinged on the short side for its end to rest on the ground. The bidet interior is shaped to hold the bowl, which has long since disappeared. There are two grooves cut to either side to allow fingers to lift the bowl easier. For use today, the height is good for a low table.

Everything about this bidet shows its quality in both design and make from the selection of timber to the unusual brass banding and large lock plate. Early 19th Century.

Size For Use Is Given. Collapsed Size takes the height down to 7 inches (18 cm)