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Dealers in Campaign Furniture  
& Travel Items

## Pair of Portable Candlesticks

Sold



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Height: 18 cm (7.1")

Width: 11.5 cm (4.5")

Depth: 11.5 cm (4.5")

## Description

This pair of brass candlesticks are made to be able to unscrew the column from the base to reduce their size for packing. This has not been done for ease of construction but to make them portable. The columns are seamed and the brass is a decent weight.

They are both stamped VR to the underside of the base for Victoria Regina which suggests that they may have been made for some sort of public use. This type of stamp is sometimes found on candlesticks that were intended for public buildings such as libraries or Government offices. However, if they were intended for use by the armed forces you would probably also expect to see a Broad Arrow mark.

Further weight is given to their public use by the remains of black paint to the underside of the sticks and the corners of the turnings, both areas that are difficult to clean or would not be seen when in use. The candlesticks were probably painted black on the death of a public figure, such as the Queen and later cleaned back. They are an unusual form of travelling candlestick and would give a taller light than the better known Brighton Bun. Mid 19th Century.