

Victorian Ship's Buffet Cabinet, HMS Espiegle Nautical Cupboard, English c.1880



DESCRIPTION

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This is a Victorian ship's buffet cabinet from HMS Espiegle. A nautical cupboard, English dating to c.1880 originally gracing the Captain's cabin. (Please see further notes as to the provenance at the foot of the description.)

- A fine cabinet constructed in generous, stout stocks of top quality mahogany
- Good consistent colour, grain interest and a desirable aged patina
- The rear of the cabinet displaying hand hewn fitting marks
 - Raised on a continuous plinth base with rounded corners, inset with carved delineation to the stiles
- A pair of dome top, field panel doors close with an integral dust strip
 - Inside left, a pair of deep wine & sprit drawers dressed with flush brass, campaign handles
 - Inside right a single shelf divides the space in two, a deep lip at the front to stop items falling forward at sea
 - Above, two drawers feature pairs of quality, floral pressed, brass pulls
 - Brass keyhole liners front the Whitaker of Wolverhampton locks, each stamped with the Admiralty broad arrow.
- The top displaying well with rounded edge detail

DIMENSIONS

Max Width: 109.25cm (43")

Max Depth: 51cm (20")

Max Height: 89cm (35")

More about the Naval history of the cabinet

Originally commissioned for the Captain's cabin of HMS Espiegle.

HMS Espiegle (mischievous / playful);

- A Dotterel class composite (wooden planks on iron frame) sloop launched Devonport 1880
- 1130 tons at 170ft x 36' beam x 15'9 draft
- Single propeller driven by 1020hp steam engine achieving 11 knots. Also three masted barque rig
- Crew of 140 - 150
- Two 7" rifled guns of 90cwt plus four 12" mortar loaders



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