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COLONIAL SRI LANKAN HARDWOOD SETTEE

the moulded and shaped rectangular crest rail over relief carved and moulded foliate spindles, joined by similar outward scrolling arms contiguous with apron and loose cushion seat, raised on cornucopia shaped and moulded legs ending in ball feet; the whole enriched with relief carved scrolling tropical foliage and rosettes

CA 1840 - Galle District, Sri Lanka

Overall dimensions: 52 1/2" wide x 24" deep x 33" high

typically such pieces could be ordered from furniture dealers in Colombo who in turn commissioned pieces from carpenters located in the cabinet-making centers of Galle and Moratuwa. Items were made for British colonial administrators and merchants on the island who had them shipped back to England at the end of their posting.

See Lot 188 in Sotheby's London "Exotica: East Meets West 1500-1900" May 25, 2005 for a related settee of carved ebony.