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ASANTE (ASHANTI) HARDWOOD LEATHER AND BRASS CHIEFTAIN'S THRONE CHAIR "ASIPIM"

the rectangular leather panel back secured by studs and surmounted by brass finials with square section supports joined to similar square leather seat, raised on square section legs joined by perimeter stretchers; the whole enriched by various applied brass nailheads and bosses

19th century - Ghana

Overall dimensions: 17" wide x 20" deep x 27 1/2" high

This 19th century chair from Ghana, in western Africa, shows in its form the influence of the Portuguese traders who were actively trading in the region in the 17th century. These chairs in original condition are rarely found. The Ashanti tribe is the largest tribe in Ghana, and one of the few matrilineal societies in Africa. Ashanti kings retained figurehead status after colonization, and even today great pride in the Ashanti King lives on in the tradition of the golden stool.