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Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1052612

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 13 cm (5.1")

Width = 20 cm (7.9")

Depth = 7 cm (2.8")

Description

Fine early C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir carved giallo antico marble reduction of the sarcophagus of Lucius Cornelius Scipio Barbatus. High quality carved marble model of the inscribed sarcophagus tomb of Lucius Cornelius Scipio Barbatus (c.337 BC-270 BC) , Roman consul in 298 B.C .and celebrated conqueror of the Etruscans at the Battle of Volterra . Here modelled as an inkstand , the original once located in the Tomb of the Scipios , the patrician Scipio family of the Roman republic , was discovered in 1780 on the Appian Way , is now exhibited in the Vatican Museums , Rome , Italy . The name is incised on the front edge of the lid and the epitaph is on the front of the sarcophagus , clearly and precisely written in Old Latin Saturnian verse. The blackened lettering being skilfully incised and legible .A Doric-style decorative entablature panel is above the inscription featuring crisply carved roses alternating with architectural triglyphs and guttae . The top of the sarcophagus with carved palm-scroll detail ends . The well-chosen high-grade prized giallo antico marble having striking colour and figuring. 'Marmo giallo antico' was one of the most favoured mar...

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