

**SA1220015**

## A Large Antique Pietra Dura Specimen Paper Weight in Grand Tour Style.

Price

**GBP 475**

| USD \$643 | EUR 556

**Item Reference: SA1220015**

**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

## Description

This impressive large rectangular desk weight is inlaid in the Grand Tour style with egg shaped lozenges including malachite, carnelian, onyx and other specimen stones. These are set in a black marble field, possibly Ashford. The generous dimensions of this antique paper weight allow the wide variety of colourful stones to be shown to full advantage. There is a very minor nibble to one corner, this is hard to detect and does not detract from the appeal of this unusual Victorian piece. When polished, the black slate mined in the Ashford area of Derbyshire closely resembled marble and due to this, the area became a centre for a localised industry involving miners, craftsmen and retail units. Inlaid in the Italian Piera Dura style, it was very popular in the late 19h century being incorporated in both practical and decorative objects. This stunning example of 19th craftsmanship is a highly decorative item to display and add to a collection. C. 1880 Ref: D1116 Length: 8" 20 cm Width: 4.5" 11.5 cm

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