

SA670635

Letter / Postal Scale In Malachite by Sampson Mordan c.1860

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA670635****Date of manufacture: 1860**

Dimensions

Height = 8.9 cm (3.5")

Width = 17.2 cm (6.8")

Depth = 11.4 cm (4.5")

Description

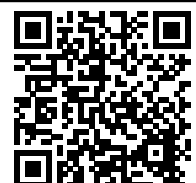
A very fine and rare antique English desk or letter scale, the base covered in stunning green Malachite. The gilded brass or bronze fittings are all hand engraved and the two pans beautifully pierced or reticulated, top quality and quite stunning. The rear of the balance is where the signature for Sampson Mordan, London can be found; the creme de la creme of scale manufacturers. The four original weights sit to the front, marked F, 1/P, 2/P and 4/P. The P refers to "Postages" which were in 1/2 oz units used from 1840 to 1871. The smallest marked "F" is a 1/4 oz unit used for foreign mail routed from England via France. This makes this example a mid-nineteenth century piece dating to c. 1850/1860. Looks like there was a label originally on the underside, probably for the retailer affixed with four screws. An absolute gem in excellent condition measuring 6 3/4" x 4 1/2" x 3 1/2" tall. FREE Worldwide Registered Airmail Directly From London, England Item 41363

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