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George II gold and vari-coloured agate box, English c.1750, of restrained cartouche form,

the base and lid each formed of a brown banded agate panel shaded lighter and darker, the cover fluted as a stylised scallop and spaced by three inlaid gold bands, each with a bloodstone rib, the gold chased and engraved with foliate, floral and shell decoration on a stipple ground, reeded gold rim and bow thumbpiece with scallop detail, the sides in gold and similarly decorated with a band of flowerheads, acanthus, rocaille like shell detail and diaper-type cells all on a stipple ground, the agate base with bevelled edges and a flat base, slightly rounded within Length 5.2cm / 2 1/16"

Width at thumbpiece 4.3cm / 1 11/16"

Depth 1.7cm / 5/8" Weight: 48.5g