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## FINE FURNITURE



**Henry Hill of Marlborough: A George III Kingwood and Ormolu Mounted Commode**

**England, *circa* 1765**

**Henry Hill (fl. 1740-1778)**

Henry Hill was a Georgian cabinetmaker working in Marlborough, Wiltshire from the 1740s until his death in 1778. Throughout his career Hill was prolific in the art trade as a cabinetmaker, decorator, auctioneer, and estate agent. Benefitting from his location in Marlborough as a stopping point on the Great West Road between London and the fashionable town of Bath, Hill advertised his services to include delivery to London at more attractive rates than the London cabinetmakers. His major clients included Lord Delaval as well as the 9th Duke of Somerset at Maiden Bradley, Paul Methuen at Corsham Court, and Henry Hoare at Stourhead.

Hill's obituary in the Reading Mercury on 20 July 1788 read 'On Sunday night died, Mr. Henry Hill, of Marlborough, one of the most eminent cabinet-makers and upholsterers in the kingdom; who passed through life with the strictest integrity, on the most benevolent principles; and with every disposition, the most friendly to human nature, advanced with happiness of his fellow creatures.'

A magnificent George III sabicu and kingwood ormolu mounted serpentine commode, in the French taste, attributed to Henry Hill of Marlborough. The serpentine top cross-banded with kingwood and a kingwood moulded border frame around central panels of book-matched sabicu veneers, above three graduated serpentine drawers similar veneered in sabicu with kingwood detailing and cross-banding; each drawer with its original ormolu foliate handles; the leading corners of the commode similarly mounted in outstanding ormolu corner mounts leading down to scrolls on the outswept feet.

Superb colour throughout.

Height: 34.65 in (88 cm)
Width: 57.09 in (145 cm)
Depth: 24.02 in (61 cm)

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