



A GEORGE III MARQUETRY COMMODE

England, circa 1770

This wonderful commode in the French taste relates closely to a group of furniture attributed to the celebrated 18th century Royal cabinet-maker John Cobb and discussed in Lucy Wood, *Catalogue of Commodes*, 1994, pp. 88 - 97. In particular, the parquetry inlaid decoration to the top and the spray of flowers to the ovals of the doors has close affinities to a commode supplied to Thomas Villiers (1709 - 1786), Baron Hyde of Hindon and laterly the 1st Earl of Clarendon, illustrated in Lucy Wood, *op. cit.*, pl. i - ii, p. 88. Comparisons can also be made to another commode with a similar trellis design, illustrated *op. cit.*, pl. 84, p. 94 and another with similar floral inlay illustrated *op. cit.*, pl. 90.

For further comparisons see The Journal of Furniture History, Colin Streeter, *Marquetry Tables from Cobb's Workshop*, vol. X, 1974, pp.52-53, pl. 28a - 30b.

A very closely related commode, the property of the Rt. Hon. Lord Carew, was offered Christie's, London, April 1966.

Another in the collections of the Connolly family at Castletown, was photographed in *Country Life*. 22 August 1936, p. 199, fig 6 and 8

Another advertised Sothebys, 26 January 1968 in *Burlington Magazine*

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Attributed to John Cobb

A very fine mid 18th century George III mahogany and satinwood marquetry commode. In the French taste, the elegant serpentine crossbanded top with a central oval panel inlaid with a bouquet of flowers within a trellis and rosette parquetry surround. The curved doors similarly inlaid with floral arrangements within oval panels opening to reveal a mahogany shelf, the plain side panels fitted with wonderful ormolu foliate handles, the whole standing on refined splayed feet.

Literature:

Connoisseur, March 1948 (Moss Harris advertisement)

Ronald Phillips, *Fine Antique English Furniture*, 2017, pp. 104 - 105 (illustrated)

Sotheby's, *Fine English Furniture, Tapestries, Clocks, Rugs and Carpets, Ship Models and a Collection of Blue John*, 11 April 1975 (illustrated)

Lucy Wood, *Catalogue of Commodes*, 1994, p. 96, fig. 91 (illustrated)

Height: 3' 0³/₄" in (92.5 cm)

Width: 3' 9¹/₂" in (115 cm)

Depth: 1' 11⁵/₈" in (60 cm)

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