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A George III Mahogany Serpentine Commode

Circa 1760

44.5 x 24 x 32 in high (113 x 61 x 81.5 cm)

An extremely fine mid-18th century Chippendale period serpentine commode, the shaped top with a moulded edge above four graduated drawers, with pierced brass handles and escutcheons, and finely scrolling foliated carved chamfered front corners, raised on shaped bracket feet.

As this commode is of such fine quality, it is likely to have been made by either William Hallett, William Vile or John Bradburn, all of whom were engaged in making for the Royal family. The Garvan commode, illustrated in *Hotspur 80 years of Antique Dealing* Pg 201, is attributed to William Hallett and has similar carvings on the chamfered front corners. A considerable amount of furniture has over the years been attributed to William Vile, but as he published no designs, nor are any original drawings by him known, it is not possible to make a firm attribution.