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GEORGE III THUYA, BURR ELM & KINGWOOD BANDED DEMI-LUNE COMMODE - REF 2554



A superb George III thuya, burr elm & kingwood banded demi-lune cupboard commode. The demi-lune top of burr elm, inlaid with scallops of box strung thuya wood around the circumference and a central box strung thuya panel to the rear. The whole top banded in kingwood and strung with box. The curved front separated into four panel sections, each with an oval box strung inset thuya panel. The central kingwood banded panels form the doors which open to reveal a single shelf interior, these are flanked by kingwood banded columns. The outer panels conforming to the central pair and each bordered by a column which continue down to form tapering square section feet, again inset with thuya and banded with kingwood.

Thuya wood is a biblical conifer from the cedar family, and is exclusively native to Morocco. It was highly prized by the Romans and Greeks, its use in the Georgian period of furniture making is rare and was probably only used on important commissions. This particular piece is of the highest quality, obviously made by a top London cabinet maker in the late 18th century.

PRICE £27,900

Provenance: Private collection Amsterdam. Believed to be purchased from the London trade in the 1980's

Origin & Age: English, George III, circa 1780

Dimensions: 34" high, 54" wide, 22" deep; 86cm high, 137cm wide, 56cm deep.

Restorations: With old minor restorations, waxing.

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