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A Fine Louis XV Gilt-Bronze Mounted Tulipwood Regulator Longcase Clock

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the hood surmounted by an armillary sphere and with foliate spandrels, the panelled plinth with Hercules mask, the nine-and-a-half inch dial with sweep centre seconds, the weight-driven movement with Huygens winding and pinwheel escapement, the five-bar grid-iron compensation pendulum with lenticular bob.

SKU: B4298
Depth: 29 cm (11.25 inches)
Height: 232 cm (91.5 inches)
Width: 53.5 cm (21 inches)
Year: French, circa 1760/70

The quintessence of luxury horology in the second half of the eighteenth century, regulator clocks are extremely precise timepieces that were created as an answer to the continued quest for greater accuracy. Their regularity and accuracy meant that they were invariably used to set all the other clocks in a household. The present clock case is very much in the manner of the maker Balthazar Lieutaud (active 1749 - 1780)

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