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### 1764 GEORGE III GOLD PROOF PATTERN 1/4 GUINEA PCGS PR65



George III of England

George III (George William Frederick; 4 June 1738 – 29 January 1820) was King of Great Britain and Ireland from 25 October 1760 until the union of the two countries on 1 January 1801, after which he was King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland until his death. He was concurrently Duke and prince-elector of Brunswick-Lüneburg ("Hanover") in the Holy Roman Empire until his promotion to King of Hanover on 12 October 1814. He was the third British monarch of the House of Hanover, but unlike his two predecessors, he was born in Britain and spoke English as his first language. His life and with it his reign, which were longer than any other British monarch before him, were marked by a series of military conflicts involving his kingdoms, much of the rest of Europe, and places farther afield in Africa, the Americas and Asia.

Early in his reign, Great Britain defeated France in the Seven Years' War, becoming the dominant European power in North America and India. However, many of Britain's American colonies were soon lost in the American War of Independence. Further wars against revolutionary and Napoleonic France from 1793 concluded in the defeat of Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815.

An incredibly and amazing well-provenanced specimen of this most elusive fractional gold pattern, which, while conceived within the first 5 years of George III's accession to the throne, resulted in only a single circulation issue, struck in 1762. Admittedly struck from slightly rusted dies, the finish on the offering is quite simply fantastic, not a shred of detail restricted by the small format of the coin and the dies clearly polished to the gills. In addition to the present specimen, only two others (one being the Wilson and Rasmussen plate coin) have come to auction in the past decade, with a decent number of the remaining specimens residing in the holdings of museums. A perfect accompaniment to the additional Proofs of George III in any collection.

Additional Rarity: A George III silver Proof Pattern Bank of England 5 Shillings & 6 Pence 1811 PR67+ Cameo sold at an auction on January 7, 2015 for \$168,000.

