



## ENGLAND

### 1821 AV Half-Sovereign – Proof 65

**\$21,675**



*George IV of England*

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He did not provide national leadership in time of crisis, nor act as a role model for his people. His only legitimate child, Princess Charlotte, died before him in 1817 and so he was succeeded by his younger brother, William.

This beautiful half sovereign was struck during the reign of George IV (George Augustus Frederick; 12 August 1762 – 26 June 1830) was King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of Hanover following the death of his father, George III, on 29 January 1820, until his own death ten years later. From 1811 until his accession, he served as Prince Regent during his father's final mental illness.

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On the obverse is a laureate bust of King George IV facing left, with GEORGIUS IIII D:G: BRITANNIAR: REX F:D: inscribed around the edges. On the reverse is a crowned arms within flower garland. KM 681; SCBC 3802; Friedberg 378; WR 207. Very rare date. Lovely original surfaces.

*Additional Rarity:* A George IV Crown 1821 MS67 sold at an auction on January 7, 2018 for \$22,800.

