



## GREAT BRITAIN

### 1826 GEORGE IV GOLD PROOF 1/2 SOVEREIGN PCGS PR65 DEEP CAMEO



George IV was King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and King of Hanover from the death of his father, King George III, on 29 January 1820 until his own death ten years later. He had already been serving as Prince Regent since 5 February 1811, during his father's final mental illness. His rule was tarnished by scandal and financial extravagance. His ministers found his behavior selfish, unreliable and irresponsible, and he was strongly influenced by favorites. During most of George's regency and reign, Lord Liverpool controlled the government as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Liverpool's government presided over Britain's ultimate victory over Napoleon and negotiated a peace settlement with the French. After Liverpool's retirement, George IV was forced to accept Catholic emancipation despite opposing it.

S-3804, W&R-249. Variety without extra tuft. Exuding greatness at every turn, this fresh gem immediately dominates the eye with its dual-natured obverse, which shows the expertly struck portrait of the King impeccably frosted, surrounded by concave fields that are full of flash. The reverse is every bit as stunning, with the crowned coat of arms sitting in stark contrast to the illustrious mirrors, all while the entirety of the planchet has remained in a stunning state of preservation over these last nearly 200 years. An incredible Proof survivor from the short-lived reign of George IV, and every bit a showpiece worthy of center cabinet placement.

