



GREAT BRITIAN

George II gold Proof 1/2 Guinea 1728 PR66 Cameo NGC



George II (George Augustus; German: Georg August; 30 October / 9 November 1683 O.S./N.S. – 25 October 1760) was King of Great Britain and Ireland, Duke of Brunswick-Lüneburg (Hanover) and a prince-elector of the Holy Roman Empire from 11 June 1727 (O.S.) until his death in 1760. As king from 1727, George exercised little control over British domestic policy, which was largely controlled by the Parliament of Great Britain. During the War of the Austrian Succession, George participated at the Battle of Dettingen in 1743, and thus became the last British monarch to lead an army in battle. For two centuries after George II's death, history tended to view him with disdain, concentrating on his mistresses, short temper, and boorishness. Since then, reassessment of his legacy has led scholars to conclude that he exercised more influence in foreign policy and military appointments than previously thought.

KM565.1, S-3681, W&R-75 (R4). Plain edge. By John Croker. An incredible and extravagant rarity in this entirely unbelievable and unmatched certification. One that by all indications could very nearly have come off of the minting presses today. Endowed with an unmistakable flash and punctuated by die polish lines throughout the fields and especially around the legends, the surfaces are simply wells of watery mirror-like reflectivity--even from a distance the effect is gorgeous--while an unusually prevalent sheen of mint frost is situated over the raised elements, producing a distinctive cameo contrast. Stemming from a period in British history when modern politics can more or less be said to have been beginning to take form, this coin could easily be seen as a memento of that age, its absolute rarity is underestimated we feel by Wilson and Rasmussen's R4 rating. This coin stands among the finest known early proof minted British Coinage. Clearly far finer than the Wilson and Rasmussen plate coin, or the Turner (MS63) or Pittman (PR64 Cameo) specimens. One of the rarest and finest known early proofs ever struck.

Additional Rarity: In August 2020, a George III gold Proof Pattern 2 Guineas 1768 PR64+★ Cameo NGC was sold at auction for \$384,000.

