

Copy of the bequest of his late Majesty George  
the Third to the Princess Olive of Cumberland

"George R."

"St James's"

"In case of our Royal demise we  
"have and bequeath to Olive our brother of Cumberland's  
"daughter the sum of fifteen thousand pounds —  
"Commanding our heir and successor to pay the same  
"privately to our said Niece for her use as a recompense  
"for the misfortunes she may have known through  
"her father"

"Witness" J. Dunning

"Chatham"

"Warwick"

"June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1774"

Copies of the Affidavits of John  
Vancouver — John Dickenson — Samuel Griffin  
and Thomas Lloyd Esq<sup>r</sup> now on record in Doctors  
Commons

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1822

In the Goods of his late }  
Majesty George the Third } Appeared personally John  
Vancouver of Woolwich in the County of Kent Esq<sup>r</sup> and  
made oath that for the space of seventeen years or thereabouts  
he this deponent was deputy Collector and deputy  
Collector of the Customs at the port of Lynn in the  
County of Norfolk and he quitted such situation about  
the latter end of the year 1788 or beginning of the year  
1789 and the deponent saith that during the time  
aforesaid.



he this deponent had frequent and continual opportunities  
of seeing the sign manual of his late Majesty  
King George the third to many official documents  
which passed usually through this deponent's  
hands and upon which documents deponent  
and all others connected with the office of this  
deponent invariably acted. And the deponent  
saith that by reason of such documents under his  
said Majesty's sign manual so passing through  
his hands for many years he this deponent  
became well acquainted with the manner and  
character of his said late Majesty's hand  
writing in the signature of his name or his  
sign manual. And the deponent having with  
care and attention examined the paper writing hereunto  
annexed beginning thus "George R" St. James's  
ending thus "the misfortunes she may have known  
through her father" bearing date "2<sup>nd</sup> June 1774"  
saith that he doth verily and in his conscience  
believe the name and letter "George R" set and  
written at the head of the said paper to be the true  
and proper sign manual of his said late Majesty  
King George the third deceased. And the deponent  
further saith that for about 16 years immediately  
preceding the death of the late George Earl Brooke  
and Carl of Warwick who departed this life in the  
year 1816 he this deponent well knew and was  
intimately acquainted with the said George Carl  
Brooke and Carl of Warwick and from very frequently  
seeing him write and subscribe his title in the  
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Course of franking letters and otherwise and also from habits of constant correspondence with him he became well acquainted with his manner and character of handwriting and subscription and the deponent again referring to the paper writing herein before described and having carefully viewed and examined the same saith that he doth verily and in his conscience believe the whole body sense and contents of the said paper and the title "Warwick" subscribed as a witness thereto save and except only the name and letter "George R" and the title "Chatham" and the letter and name "J. Dunning" subscribed respectively as witnesses to the said paper to be all of the proper hand writing and subscription of the said George Carl Brooke and Carl of Warwick deceased.

J. Vancouver.

Same day the said John Vancouver was duly sworn to the truth of this affidavit before me — J. Lushington - Surrogate  
 Present John Bayford Public Notary —

In the Prerogative Court of Cantab.  
 May 13<sup>th</sup> 1822 —

In the Goods of his late Majesty George the third }  
 Dickenson of Devonshire place in the parish of St. Mary lebone in the County of Middlesex Esq. and made oath that he is the only acting Executor of the late George Carl Brooke and Carl of Warwick who departed this life in the year 1816 and this deponent saith that he knew and



And was intimately acquainted with the said George  
Earl Brooke and Earl of Warwick for about thirty  
years before and down to the time of his death  
and the deponent hath become perfectly well  
acquainted with his manner and character of  
handwriting and subscription from having  
frequently seen him write and subscribe his  
title "Warwick" and the deponent having  
now carefully viewed and inspected the paper  
writing now hereunto annexed beginning thus  
"George R" St. James's and ending thus  
"the misfortunes she may have known through  
her father" bearing date June 2<sup>d</sup> 1774 and  
having the title "Warwick" subscribed as a  
witness thereto saith that he doth verily and  
in his conscience believe the whole body  
series and contents of the said paper and  
every part of the same together with the date  
thereof and the title "Warwick" so as aforesaid  
subscribed as a witness save only the name  
and letter "George R" subscribed at the head  
thereof and the letter and name "J. Dunning"  
and the title "Chatham" also subscribed  
as witnesses to be all of the proper hand  
writing and subscription of the said George  
Earl Brooke and Earl of Warwick de<sup>d</sup>.

J. Dickenson

Same day the said John  
Dickenson Esq. was duly  
sworn to the truth of this  
Affidavit before me. J. Haggard Surrogate  
Present John Bayford Notary public.



In the prerogative Court of Canterbury

In the Goods of his late  
Majesty George the Third dec'd

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1722

Appar'd personally

Samuel Griffin of Palsgraue place near Temple  
bar in the County of Middlesex Wine Merchant  
and made oath that in the year 1771 he came  
into the service of John Dunning Esq<sup>r</sup> who  
formerly held the office of Solicitor General to  
his late Majesty King George the Third  
and who was created Baron Ashburton  
of Ashburton in the year 1783 and the  
deponent continued with him first as servant  
and afterwards as Clerk until his death in  
the year 1783 And the deponent saith that  
during such time the deponent was in the  
constant habit for many years of seeing the  
said John Dunning afterwards Lord Ashburton  
write and subscribe his name and thereby  
became well acquainted with his manner  
and character of handwriting and subscription  
And the deponent having now carefully inspected  
the signature: "J Dunning set and subscribed  
as a witness to the paper writing now hereunto  
annex'd beginning thus "George R"  
ending thus - "the misfortunes she may"  
"have known through her father" - and  
bearing date June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1774 - saith  
that he doth verily and of his conscience  
believe the said signature J. Dunning  
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So set and subscribed to the said paper as a  
Witness to be of the proper handwriting and  
subscription of the said John Dunning  
afterwards Baron Ashburton deceased.

J. Griffin

Same day the said  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Griffin was duly  
sworn to the truth hereof

before me Samuel R. Meyrick Surrogate  
present John Bayford Notary public

In the prerogative Court of Canterbury

In the Goods of his late  
Majesty George the Third  
Deceased

April 17<sup>th</sup> 1822.

Appeared personally Thomas  
Lloyd of Spence Street near Northampton  
Square in the County of Middlesex Gentleman  
formerly of Grays Inn Attorney at Law  
and made Oath that he knew and was  
well acquainted personally with the late  
John Dunning Esq. who formerly was  
an eminent barrister at law in this Country  
and who was afterwards created Baron  
Ashburton since deceased for many of the  
years that the said John Dunning  
so practised as a barrister at law  
he this deponent then having frequently  
occasion as an attorney at law which  
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This deponent then was to see the said John Dunning personally on professional business when he so practised as a barrister at law as aforesaid. And the deponent saith that during the time aforesaid he the deponent was in the habit of frequently seeing the said John Dunning afterwards Baron Ashburton write and also subscribe his name or signature "J. Dunning" and thereby became well acquainted with his manner and character of handwriting and subscription of his said name or signature "J. Dunning". And the deponent having now carefully inspected the signature "J. Dunning" set and subscribed to the paper now hereunto annexed beginning thus "George R. J. James" and ending thus "she may have known through her father" and bearing date June 2<sup>d</sup> 1774 saith he doth verily and in his conscience believe the said signature "J. Dunning" so set and subscribed to the said paper to be of the proper handwriting and subscription of the said John Dunning who was afterwards Baron Ashburton now deceased. — Thomas Lloyd

Same day the said Thomas Lloyd was duly sworn to the truth of this affidavit before me

Joseph Phillimore-Surrogate  
 present John Bayford - Notary public



In the Paragative Court  
of Canterbury —

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