

**This is the last Will and Testament** of me William Henry  
 Duke of Gloucester Whereas I heretofore caused a Vault to be made in  
 Saint Georges Chapel Windsor Castle in prospect of my Body being deposited  
 there Now I do hereby declare that it is not my desire that my Body should be  
 deposited in that Vault in preference to any other that may be thought proper And  
 I do hereby earnestly desire that my Body may not be opened after my decease  
**I Give** to Maria Duchesse of Gloucester all her Jewels Ornaments & her  
 Paraphernalia and all other matters and things whatsoever belonging to her person  
 for her own absolute Use And for as much as I have not the means of making a  
 suitable provision for the said Duchesse I earnestly recommend her to the Attention and  
 benevolence of my dearly beloved Brother and Sovereign His Majesty the King of  
 Great Britain whose Motherly Affection and great Goodness to me and mine I  
 have ever fully experienced And in like manner I recommend to his said  
 Majesty my Royal Brother my dearly beloved Children Prince William  
 Frederick and Princess Sophia Matilda And **I Give** devise and  
 bequeath All my Freehold Copyhold and Leasehold Estates and all other my  
 personal Estate whatsoever Subject nevertheless to the Incumbrances thereon  
 and charged and chargeable with the payment of my other debts unto my said Son  
 William Frederick and my Daughter Sophia Matilda and their Heirs Executors  
 Administrators and Assigns Share and Share alike as Tenants in Common  
 and not as Joint Tenants And I do hereby authorize and empower my  
 Executors hereinafter named to sell or Mortgage all or any part of my said  
 Freehold Copyhold and Leasehold Estates for payment of the Incumbrances thereon  
 or any of my other debts as they shall think fit And I do direct and declare that  
 the Receipt and Receipts of my said Executors for the Money to be raised by any  
 Sale or Mortgage thereof shall be a full discharge and discharge to the  
 Purchaser or purchasers Mortgaged or Mortgagees And that no Purchaser or  
 Mortgaged shall be liable to see to the Application of the Money to be raised by  
 any such Sale or Mortgage And I do hereby nominate and appoint my  
 said Son William Frederick and my Daughter Sophia Matilda Executors of  
 this my Will **In Witness** whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and  
 Seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ One thousand Seven hundred and  
 Ninety \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Sealed published and declared by His  
 Royal Highness William Henry Duke of Gloucester  
 the Testator above named as and for his last Will and  
 Testament in the presence of us who in his presence  
 and by his desire and in the presence of each other  
 have subscribed our Names as Witnesses thereto

Instrumentum Sancti Edwardi Regis  
et Henrici Regis

Copy of bill of the  
late Duke of Gloucester  
dated July 1491.

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