

George IV. (*b.* 1762, *d.* 1830), son of George III.; was appointed regent in 1810, and succeeded to the throne in 1820; had previously been on bad terms with his father on account of his alliance with the Whigs and the extravagance and immorality of his private life, having illegally married Mrs. Fitzherbert, and twice had his debts paid by the nation. In 1795 he married Caroline of Brunswick, but separated from her the next year, and on his accession refused to allow her to be crowned, and brought a charge of adultery against her. In 1821 he visited Ireland and Hanover, and in the next year Scotland. In 1829 he gave a reluctant consent to the Roman Catholic Relief Bill, to which he was really almost as much opposed as his father had been.