

Buckingham Palace





Queen Victoria

Buckingham Palace
has been the
London residence
of British kings and
queens since
Queen Victoria
came to the throne
in **1837**.

Buckingham Palace built in **1703** by **John Sheffield, Duke of Buckingham.**

King **George III** bought the house in **1762** as a town dwelling for **Queen Charlotte**, and they occupied it as a private residence.



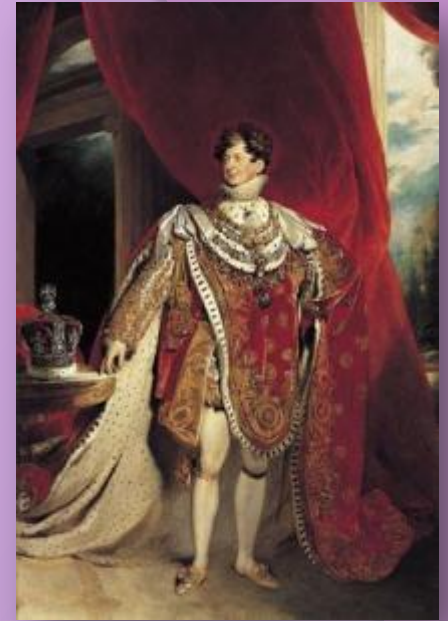
John Sheffield



George III

The present palace – building work started **in 1825** – was designed by **John Nash**, who commissioned by King **George IV**.

The east- or front-wing of the palace, the part most familiar to the public today, was built in **1847** and refaced in Portland stone in **1913**.



George IV



Buckingham Palace has **775** rooms. These include **19** State rooms, **52** Royal and guest bedrooms, **188** staff bedrooms, **92** offices and **78** bathrooms.



Grand Hall

The State apartments are in the west wing of the palace and are approached by the **Grand Hall** and **Grand Staircase**.

The **Ballroom**, the largest of the apartments, built for Queen Victoria in the 1850s, is used for State banquets and investitures.



The **Queen's private apartments** are in the north wing and on the opposite side is **Queen's Gallery**, which since **1962** has been open to the public, showing works of the art from the royal collection.



The State Dining Room



The Queen's Breakfast Room

The **palace garden** are used for the royal garden parties; the Royal Mews, or stables, on the south of the palace grounds, house the carriages, horses and royal cars and also open to the public on certain afternoons each week.

