

THE TRIALS OF THE KING OF HAMPSHIRE FREE DOWNLOAD



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The Trials of the King of Hampshire: Madness, Secrecy and Betrayal in Georgian England

My difficulty with it must be exciting for any historian to discover a little known story with a huge collection of documentation to enable a detailed reconstruction. I received a free copy of this book from LibraryThing in exchange for an honest review. I think my only real criticism was that the story was a bit repetitive and could have been edited down a bit. But it is good news that Portsmouth, with all the drama behind him, and having declared himself King of Hampshire, lives to the age of 86 and enjoys thirty years of solitude on his estates, and that the 4th earl falls ill at the time of his succession and dies in short order so that all his efforts to maintain the family line only serve to benefit the 5th earl, who is called Isaac Newton, as if the saga needed quite such an unecessarily lame ending. There are just a couple of truly sympathetic characters, and just a couple of outright villains, but for the most part it's a grotesque story, true, but peopled by ordinary people making the kinds of decisions one is apt to make in an extraordinary situation. Newton, Portsmouth's brother, was keen to maintain the family wealth and estates and was horrified at the thought of his brother driving both into rack and ruin through his incapacity and lack of understanding. Sep 27, Whitney rated it really liked it Shelves: history. Aug 13, Casey rated it really liked it Shelves: nonfiction. Was he the victim or at least partially the villain? Buy from Amazon UK. Jun 24, Michael Madden rated it really liked it. If a true crime audiobook is your idea of the perfect listen, then this post is for you. Apr 15, robyn rated it really liked it Shelves: historical. Behind closed doors, though, Portsmouth delighted in pinching his servants so that they screamed, asked dairy-maids to bleed him with lancets and was obsessed with attending funerals. This story has something in it that is of interest to everyone. The man at the center is as complicated and contradictory as any of us. She explores the sort of subjects that are often left out of the history books — childhood, married life, sex, relationships with siblings and The Trials of the King of Hampshire, masculinity, old age and widowhood. He was their man. I also wanted a very clear answer about his family. See details. Readers will find the book difficult to put down. I think by now we have gone beyond the time when we need to learn something and finish by saying 'the moral of the story is View my complete profile. Was the Third Earl of Portsmouth insane? But unlike some books which can get mired and be a tough hang, this reads more like glides along, giving you all of the information you need but none of the stuff that makes you feel like you're reading the same sentence 3 times. This book started out so well, but fizzled out at the half-way point. It also reveals society at this time. Pages: Subject: History Imprint: Oneworld. The story is so well told that you find yourself changing your opinion more than once. He was declared insane, his second marriage was annulled The Trials of the King of Hampshire any children from it disinherited. Allow Cookies. True crime has been enjoying something Friend Reviews. The Book A Guardian best history book of Eccentric, shy aristocrat ... or mad, bad and dangerous to know? His personal life was put on trial because he was different than other people. There is not much he enjoys more than ceremony and occasions, especially if the bells are to be rung and he takes part enthusiastically in any The Trials of the King of Hampshire he can find his way to without any of the requisite display of grief or decorum. Witnesses are brought to the eventual trials to provide evidence of his sanity, which he could be encouraged to simulate The Trials of the King of Hampshire public, or otherwise but if his first trial in gives him his liberty then that in declares him a lunatic, which is necessary to establish in order to revoke claims on the estate from those outside of the family. Great read. Many of his contemporaries thought he lacked the decorum required in a gentleman, let alone a leading aristocrat. Born in he is looked after from an early age by a rector and his wife who are subsequently to become the parents of Jane Austen, and later in life, in a sort of sublime to ridiculous literary gamut, he is to have associations with Byron, but difficulties with his speech are an early sign that he is not quite right. Sep 12, Anna rated it liked it Shelves: giveaways-won. Cricket rated it really liked it Sep 28, Topics Biography books History books reviews Reuse this content. Get A Copy. The way he The Trials of the King of Hampshire treated by his

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