



The Third Duke of Portland, **William Henry Cavendish Bentinck** (1738-1809), was a British Whig and Tory statesman, Chancellor of the University of Oxford and twice Prime Minister of Great Britain, serving in 1783 and again from 1807 to 1809.

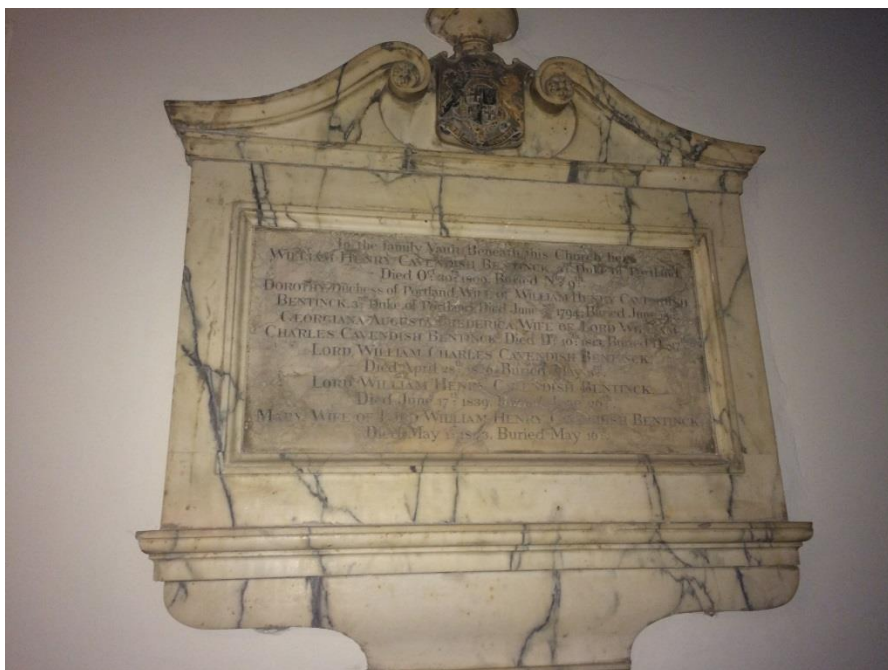
He was born in Nottinghamshire and educated at Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford. During his first tenure as Prime Minister the Treaty of Paris was signed formally ending the American Revolutionary War.

In 1789, Portland became one of several vice presidents of London's Foundling Hospital. This charity had become one of the most fashionable of the time, with several notables serving on its board. Portland's second government saw the United Kingdom's complete isolation on the continent but also the beginning of recovery, with the start of the Peninsular War. He was Recorder of Nottingham until his death in 1809.

The Third Duke of Portland dressed in the robes of Chancellor of the University of Oxford by Benjamin West

William Henry Cavendish Bentinck was interred in the Portland Family vault in the Crypt of St Marylebone Parish Church, the predecessor to the present parish church.

The Memorial Tablet to William Henry Cavendish Bentinck situated in the present parish church



The old parish church was badly damaged by the bombing of London by the Luftwaffe and was demolished in 1949.

It is unclear whether or not the Portland vault was emptied during the building of the present parish church which opened in 1817. The crypt of the present parish church was cleared to create a healing centre and doctors' surgery, opened in 1987; the remains cleared from the burial vaults were re-interred at Brookwood Cemetery, Woking, Surrey.

The site occupied by the old parish church was excavated in 2005 to extend The St Marylebone Church of England School. The excavated remains were buried in the East London Cemetery in Plaistow, Essex.