

Windsor Castle from the banks of the river Thames

Sir George Buteel Fisher

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Description

Major-General Sir George Buteel Fisher (1764-1834)
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Signed lower right: G. B. Fisher and further signed and dated on border under mount: G.B Fisher 1786
Watercolour over touches of pencil, heightened with scratching out on laid paper on original washline mount
39.4 by 58.5 cm., 15 ½ by 22 ¾ in.

Fisher attended the Woolwich Royal Military Academy where he was taught by Paul Sandby, who held the position of chief drawing master between 1768 and 1796. In 1780, he was an honorary exhibitor at the Royal Academy and continued to show works there intermittently until 1808. Through his brother John, another gifted amateur artist, art patron, bishop of Salisbury and close to George III, George was introduced to John Constable.

Commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1792, George served in Gibraltar and Canada and the West Indies, possibly on the staff of Prince Edward Augustus. He was promoted to Major-General in May 1827, after a distinguished military career and was knighted in 1831. He was made commandant of the Woolwich garrison in 1827, a post he held until his death.

In April 1792 in Quebec, Elizabeth Simcoe, wife of the recently appointed Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, noted that she had seen some beautiful views of Windsor Castle drawn by Fisher for Edward Augustus (online Dictionary of Canadian Biography).