

# Fortress Builder: Bernard De Gomme, Charles IIs Military Engineer

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framework. The structure is not always clear, and Knight is perhaps rather simplistic in his use of terms such as 'Anglican', 'Laudian' and 'Puritan': a great deal of research has been done in recent years into the nuances of religious standpoints in the 1630s. It is certainly no longer acceptable to talk of 'Puritan conventicles' in the post-Restoration era.

The book really gets into its stride with the outbreak of war. There are vivid accounts of the confusing series of campaigns, with their localized fighting in ploughed fields and village lanes, and of set pieces such as the heroic defence and eventual fall of Raglan Castle. Here Jeremy Knight's command of military archaeology is an inestimable advantage. He also makes clear the divided nature of Royalist command in the county and the problems caused by the Catholic leadership of Worcester and his associates – though, as he points out, few Catholics actually fought for the king. He also stresses the importance of what he sometimes calls the 'county party' – men whose loyalties were essentially local, possibly instinctively Royalist but reluctant to engage in conflict that would damage their communities.

The chapters on the aftermath of the war and the Commonwealth and Protectorate periods emphasize the extent of continuity in local administration and the discontinuity in the Church. The complexity and fluidity of religious thinking on such issues as infant baptism are suggested through accounts of local debates, though the destruction of medieval fonts cannot all be blamed on the few Baptist ministers. The concluding chapters on post-Restoration Gwent consist largely of a vivid and detailed account of the local politics surrounding the 'Popish Plot' in Monmouthshire and the attack on Catholic priests. There is little on political and social reconstruction or the background to the final resolution of 1688. Nevertheless, this is a valuable addition both to regional history and to a wider understanding of the seventeenth century.

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*Fortress Builder: Bernard de Gomme, Charles II's Military Engineer.* By ANDREW SAUNDERS. 270mm. Pp 382, 118 ills. Exeter: University of Exeter Press, 2004. ISBN 0859897516. £45 (hbk).

This is the latest in a line of important original contributions by Andrew Saunders to the study

and understanding of British post-medieval fortification. It demonstrates the place of Bernard de Gomme in the design and construction of English fortification from the English Civil War to the death of Charles II. Such was the influence of de Gomme that, in discussing him, this volume also describes a significant aspect of the progress of English fortification itself during the high watermark of the bastions system.

Bringing his knowledge and experience of the works of war in the Netherlands, de Gomme came to England at the beginning of the Civil War in 1642 as part of the Royalist entourage of Prince Rupert. This proved to be a move of opportunity and one which was eventually to lead to his prominence in English fortification affairs. It is interesting to consider what future de Gomme might have had against local competition had he stayed in the Netherlands, where he is little recognized today. Although not a Vauban or Coehorn, with their extensive and monumental record of construction on the Continent, de Gomme was, contemporarily with them, the major designer of fortifications in England. During the Civil War, he designed the later phases of the defensive circuit of the Royalist capital at Oxford and the defences of some other Royalist towns. After a period of exile during the Commonwealth, he returned to a dominant position as Chief Engineer to Charles II and later Surveyor General of the Ordnance, a powerful combination. His main occupation was in the fortification of Portsmouth, Gosport, Plymouth, the Medway and Sheerness, as well as Tilbury fort. It is an aerial view of the latter which appears on the front cover of this volume, symbolizing in its surviving structures an enduring memory of de Gomme's achievement.

This rounded analysis sets the work and achievement of de Gomme in its wider historical, political and technical context and skilfully traces his growing influence on design through his fortification commissions and his state appointments. Moreover, the well-illustrated studies of those commissions are also valuable theses in their own right on the defended place concerned. Not only that, but something of de Gomme's relationships with colleagues and subordinates is brought out, including his apparently irascible nature and the jealousy felt against him by others. He emerges as the most important single influence on the design and conception of fortifications in England during the later seventeenth century. The appearance of this study also underscores Andrew Saunders's own beneficial influence for over forty years on

places de Gomme in the larger context of military engineering and describes in detail his specific works in England. While truly scholarly, the book is well and. This is the first study dedicated to the military engineer Bernard de Gomme, builder of many English citadels and forts. Very heavily illustrated and produced in a. Title. Fortress builder: Bernard de Gomme, Charles II's military engineer / Andrew Saunders. Also Titled. Fortress builder. Author. Saunders, A. D.. Published. Britain has produced no military engineer of the standing of Vauban, Coehorn or Dahlberg, but Sir Bernard de Gomme - who became the principal Royalist. Fortress Builder: Bernard de Gomme, Charles II's Military Engineer. By Andrew Saunders. mm. Pp , ills. Exeter: University of Exeter. On Mar 1, Christopher Storrs published: Fortress Builder. Bernard de Gomme, Charles II's Military Engineer. A hardback book of pages in excellent condition with original dust cover Aug 11 - Aug 19 F.S.G Study Tour, Switzerland Mar 16, - Mar 24, Intense Study Tour to May 18, - May 26, FSG Study Tour. Despite the fact that the Civil War finished off many of Britain's medieval castles Fortress Builder: Bernard de Gomme, Charles II's Military Engineer [Hardback]. 3 Jun - 6 sec Read here youexploreinnovation.com?book= [PDF] Fortress Builder: Bernard de. Read Now youexploreinnovation.com?book= [PDF Download] Fortress Builder: Bernard de Gomme Charles II's Military Engineer [Download]. Fortress Builder Bernard De Gomme Charles Ii Military Engineer - In this site is not the same as a solution encyclopedia you purchase in a lp buildup or. Register an Account to Download Fortress Builder Bernard De Gomme Charles Ii Military Engineer. PDF. Online PDF Related to Fortress. Buy Fortress Builder: Bernard de Gomme, Charles II's Military Engineer by Andrew Saunders From WHSmith today! FREE delivery to store or. Book measures 10 3/4 x 8 1/4 inches. x, pages, illustrated. Bound in original publishers black cloth, with gilt lettering. Binding in very good clean firm co. Andrew Saunders (22 September 13 March ) was an internationally recognised ISBN ; Fortress Builder: Bernard de Gomme: Charles II's Military Engineer, University of Exeter Press, , ISBN DOWNLOAD. FORTRESS BUILDER BERNARD DE. GOMME. CHARLES. II. MILITARY. ENGINEER PDF - Search results, Sigiriya or. Sinhagiri. (Lion. Rock. Publication Timeline. Most widely held works about Bernard De Gomme. Fortress builder: Bernard de Gomme, Charles II's military engineer by A. D Saunders. Fortress Builder Bernard De Gomme Charles Ii Military Engineer - american civil war fortifications 1 coastal brick and stone forts coastal stone forts bk 1 fortress.scanning for Fortress Builder Bernard De Gomme Charles Ii Military Engineer do you really need this pdf. Fortress Builder Bernard De Gomme Charles Ii Military. In May King Charles II paid two visits to Portsmouth; the latter, on the 21st May went down in when Charles met with his Chief Military Engineer Sir Bernard de Gomme to discuss progress on . "Fortress Builder" by Andrew Saunders. searching for Fortress Builder Bernard De Gomme Charles Ii Military Engineer do you really need this pdf. Fortress Builder Bernard De Gomme Charles Ii. Fortress Builder Bernard De Gomme Charles Ii Military Engineer - In this site is not the thesame

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