



Beaulieu Church, Hampshire.
Circle of Thomas Rowlandson

Circa. 1790s
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The monastery at *Beaulieu* was founded in 1204 by *King John*, and its *Abbey Church* dedicated to *St. Mary* in 1246. Most of the Abbey fell into ruins after the dissolution of the monasteries by *King Henry VIII*, but the cloisters and refectory remain.

The refectory of the original abbey became the parish church of *Beaulieu*, and so it has remained ever since.

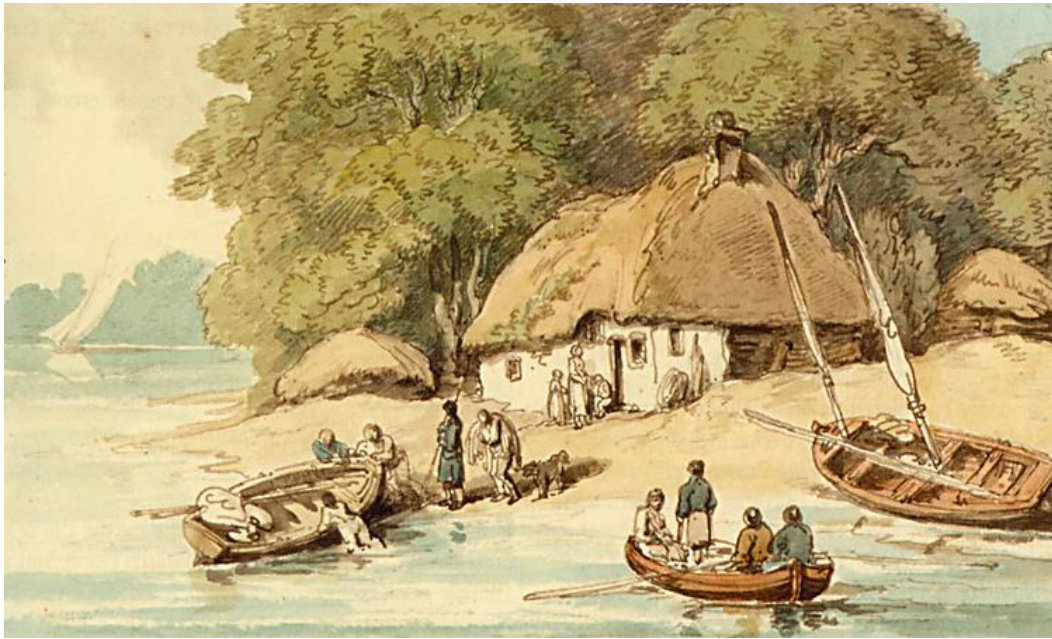


Lymington River, Hampshire.
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This appears to be a view looking up river with the buildings and masts on the far left representing *Lymington* and boats tied up at the quay. The other side of the river would then be *Mount Pleasant* near *Walhampton*.

By the time *Rowlandson* and his party visited, the two principle industries for the town was salt making and smuggling with some boat building taking place.



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This view probably looks north upriver and might show the *Walhampton* shore.



Hurst Castle and Lighthouse, Hampshire.
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Henry VIII ordered the construction of *Hurst Castle* in 1541 as part of a series of coastal defences constructed in response to invasion threats from *Europe*. Completed in 1544, it provided a key defensive position protecting the *western Solent* and was refurbished and extended in response to subsequent threats during the early, mid and late 19th Century.

The first *Hurst* lighthouse is partly obscured by the *Shipwright's Arms*. This incarnation of the inn had been built in 1720. The lighthouse was constructed in 1784 but *Trinity House* delayed showing the light until 1786.



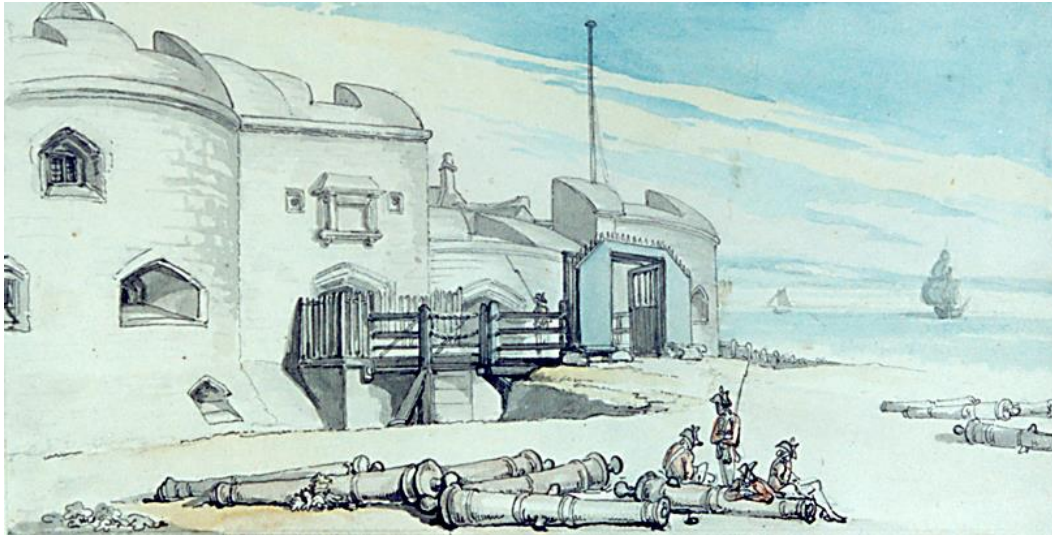
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This view shows the gateway to the castle. The *Isle of Wight* can be seen in the distance across the *Solent*. The plaque over the gateway would once have held the coat of arms of *Henry VIII*.

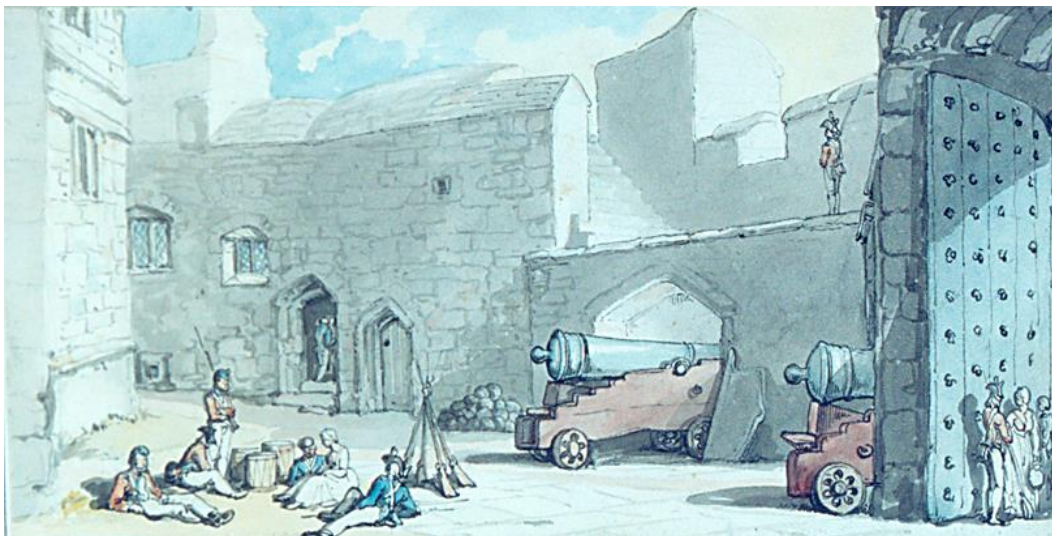


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This watercolour shows the same view as the painting above but with a different gate and drawbridge arrangement.

The Castle would have been manned by a garrison of soldiers and gunners throughout the 18th Century.



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This view shows the interior of the Castle with two large cannons, which covered the *Solent*, to the right of the picture. The original central tower of the Castle can be seen on the far left.

When *Rowlandson* visited in the 1790s it was doubtless operating on a heightened state of alert given the outbreak of the *French Revolutionary Wars* in 1792.