

Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat
By William Hogarth, 1697-1764
Ink and wash, 1746



Hogarth is best known for his satirical and moralising paintings and engravings. His observations of Georgian society were often

witty and brutally honest. They were hugely popular and widely reproduced as prints.

Lord Lovat was known as 'the most devious man in Scotland' and nicknamed 'the Fox'. Guided solely by self-interest, he switched his support back and forth during the Jacobite Risings. He was eventually found out in 1746 and executed the following year at Tower Hill for high treason.

Hogarth visited Lord Lovat when he was waiting to go on trial for high treason. This silhouetted drawing is most likely a preparatory sketch for the print on display next to this. The drawing was made in reverse. After etching and printing, the final image would appear as Hogarth intended.

Given by H N Farington in 1942