

Delancey Battery

17th - 19th Century Defences

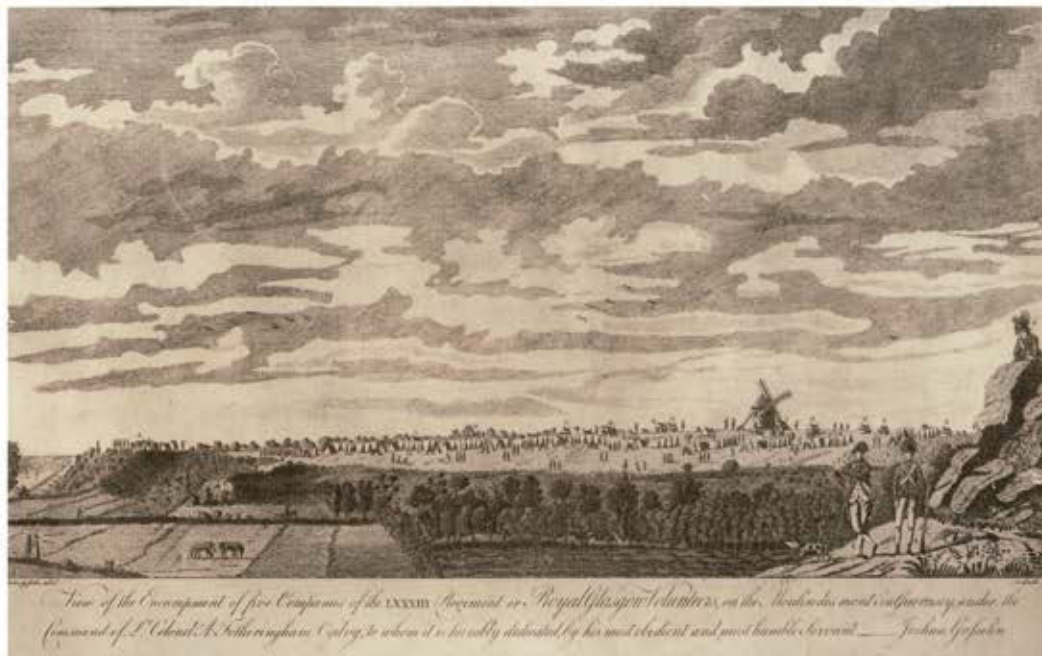
44 Coastal Defence Cannon Battery

Delancey Battery was built between 1787 and 1796. It was one of a chain of gun batteries built around Guernsey's coast during the French Revolutionary and Napoleonic Wars (1778 – 1802, 1803 – 1815). It was feared that France, which was at war with Great Britain, would attack the islands. Cannons were positioned to repel any enemy ships that threatened the island.

This battery held a strong defensive position as it stands high above Belle Greve Bay, overlooking the Little Russel and the east coast of Guernsey. The battery would have had two cannon manned by the 2nd (North) Regiment of the Guernsey Militia. This Regiment comprised of companies from the Vale, Castel and St.Sampsons parishes and was identified by green facings (collars and cuffs) on their uniforms. A signal post is also thought to have been sited behind the battery so that messages could be relayed along this stretch of coastline and to Fort George

Barracks were built close to the battery to house English garrison troops stationed in Guernsey. It appears from the Gosselin image above that while the officers may have stayed in the barracks, the troops camped in tents.

It is thought that Delancey Park was named after Oliver de Lancey (1749 – 1822) who was Barrack Master General to the Forces from 1794 – 1801.



Print of the view of the encampment of the five companies of the LXXXIII (83rd) Regiment or the Royal Glasgow Volunteers, on the Moulins-des-Monts under the command of Lt. Col. A Fotheringham Ogilvey by Joshua Gosselin.



Lieutenant Colonel Oliver Delancey, 1749 - 1822 (Library of Congress, LC-USZ62-46107)

Other Coastal Defence Batteries can be found along Guernsey's coast line

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| Clarence 1 | Perelle 2 |
| Becquet 3 | La Hougue 4 |
| Fermain 5 | Burton 6 |
| Bec du Nez 7 | Grandes Rocques 8 |
| Mont au Nord 9 | Portinifer 10 |
| La Moye 11 | Rousse 12 |
| Moulin Huet 13 | La Lochande 14 |
| Saints Bay 15 | Platon 16 |
| St Clair's 17 | Nid de L'Herbe 18 |
| Les Tielles 19 | Beaucette 20 |
| Narron 21 | Delancey 22 |
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| L'Eree 24 | |
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