



The Battle of Stanilesti, one of William Hogarth's earliest etchings

HOGARTH, William.
 [The Battle of Stanilesti, 1711.]

London: Aubry De La Motraye, 1723-4. 100 x 175mm.

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The four-day battle of Stanilesti, fought 18-22nd July 1711 during the Pruth River Campaign, between Moldavian troops and Russians (under Peter the Great) and an Ottoman Army under Grand Vizier Baltaci Mehmet Pasha. The Ottomans surrounded their enemy and forced them to surrender. The famous satirical painter William Hogarth etched this plate for Aubry de la Motraye's 'Travels through Europe, Asia, and into Part of Africa'. At the time he was a jobbing engraver, although he had already engraved one satire: his 'Emblematical Print on the South Sea Scheme' was finished in 1721 but not widely disseminated until 1724. Earnings from engraving book illustrations such as this enabled him to fund his more personal work.

PAULSON: Hogarth's Graphic Works, 36.

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