'More Fruitful Than the Soil': Army, Empire and the Scottish Highlands

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Abstract

This text analyses the origins, development and impact of British army recruiting in the Scottish Highlands from 1739 to 1815. It examines the interaction of government, landlords and tenancy with an emphasis on tenant reactions to recruiting.

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Andrew Mackillop, More Fruitful than the Soil: Army, Empire and the Scottish Highlands, 1715-1815 (East Linton: Tuckwell, 2000). Many Highland soldiers were persuaded to join up to the army because of the promise of land grants upon their completion of service. These often did not materialise upon the soldier’s return from war. Some former Jacobites used armed service as a way to rehabilitate themselves within the eyes of the British state such as Simon Fraser, son of the Jacobite peer Lord Lovat who was executed in 1747. Thanks to the National Trust for Scotland for the figure regardi