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LT GENERAL SIR WILLIAM CONGREVE
CONTROLLER OF THE POWDER
MILLS IN 1787 -
INCLUDES PORTRAITS/NEGS.

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wai 0111-01 - Lt Gen Sir William Congreve, 1st Baronet, Portrait - Water Colour - Philip de Louthembourg, R.A. (1740-1812) Colour print

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Portraits of the Superintendents

In 1787 the Gunpowder mills were taken over by the Crown under the direction of Major William Congreve, then deputy controller of the Royal Laboratory at Woolwich.

For many years, the Waltham Abbey works was known as the Royal Gunpowder Factory. After the Second World War, the site became a research establishment with a number of different titles.

These photographs record the directors and superintendents of the site spanning an uninterrupted period from 1845 until the site closed in 1991.

These venerable gentlemen effectively shaped the course of our history.



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LIEUT. GENERAL SIR WILLIAM CONGREVE.

PHILIP JAMES DE LOUTHERBOURG, R.A.

FORMERLY ATTRIBUTED TO JAMES GILLRAY L.B.S.



*Lt. General Sir William Congreve
Controller of the Powder Mills in 1787*



'Lt. Gen. Sir William Congreve'

B.M. 1851.9.1.708 8 x 5: 203 x 128 Water-colour

Philip de LOUTHERBOURG, R.A. (1740-1812)

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Lt. Gen. Sir William Congreve

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Water colour

Philip de Loutherbourg RA

1740 - 1812

Lt. General Congress

Philip James de Louthembourg RA

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Presented by William Smith Esq.

The Royal Gunpowder Factory

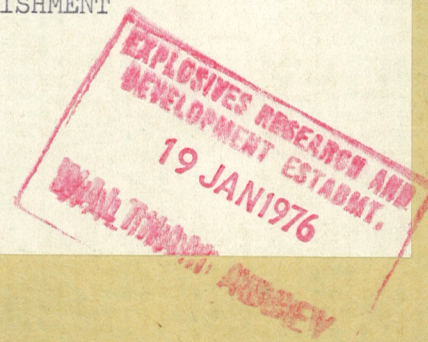
"I yesterday went to the Powder Mills at Waltham Abbey with Mister Walton, and had the said Mills and appurtenances thereunto belonging delivered to me for His Majestys Service".

With these words William Congreve informed the Duke of Richmond, Master General of Ordnance, that he had taken possession of the Waltham Abbey Powder Mills for the Crown on 18th October 1787.

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