

HUGH THOMSON

(1860-1920)



Thomson was born in Coleraine, County Londonderry, in 1860 but moved to London in 1883 where he was in great demand. Greatly influenced by Randolph Caldecott he created an idyllic world of stage coaches, sedan chairs, feasts and port wine. He was also in demand for his studies of London life and the cockney culture which was a notable achievement in showing his diversity as an artist. He illustrated popular works of fiction such Jane Austen Pride and Prejudice, and Dickens The Pickwick Papers well as many of the Highways and Byways series of guidebooks to England counties. He died in 1920 at Wandsworth.



THE JACOBITE REBELLION OF

1745

The historical period in Great Britain in which this work was undertaken was a turbulent one. Since 1689 the name "Jacobite" was given to the mainly Roman Catholic supporters of the exiled Stuart Dynasty which was against a Protestant and Presbyterian system in Great Britain. Finally in 1745 *Bonnie Prince Charlie* lead the Scottish armies in a final Jacobite Rebellion that ended with the bloody Battle of Culloden. This was a total disaster for the Scots which lead to the English passing a series of acts against the Scottish highlanders.