DON GASPAR DE GUZMÁN, COUNT OF OLIVARES, DUKE OF SANLUCAR (DON GASPAR DE GUZMAN, CONDE DE OLIVARES, DUQUE DE SANLUCAR)

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: COPIES OF VELÁZQUEZ (PRINTS AND DRAWINGS, 1778-1785) (5/17)

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DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	1778
DIMENSIONES	370 x 310 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Etching
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	10 Nov 2010 / 27 Oct 2022
INVENTARIO	836 225

INSCRIPCIONES

Pintura de D. Diego de Velazquez, del tamaño del natural, en el R.l Palacio de Madrid; dibujada y grabada por D. Fran.co Goya, Pintor, año de 1778. (*"Painting by Don Diego Velázquez, life size, in the Royal*

Palace of Madrid; drawn and etched by Don Francisco Goya, Painter, in the year 1778" at the bottom of the etching).

HISTORIA

See *Philip III*.

Three different editions of this etching exist: the first made in black ink; the second in greyish-sepia ink; and the third in dark greyish-brown ink. Handwritten on this third-edition print, in the lower right-hand corner, we see the word *Merelo*.

The work was announced in the *Gazeta de Madrid* of the 28th July 1778.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

Velázquez's *Portrait of the Count-Duke of Olivares* may have been painted between 1632 and 1633, after his first trip to Italy (Prado Museum, Madrid). In that work we see Don Gaspar de Guzmán, son of the second Count of Olivares, ambassador in Rome during the reign of Philip II, astride a prancing horse. The animal is turned towards the background, where we see a battle taking place, which Philip IV's royal favourite, his raised hand brandishing a baton, seems eager to join. This gesture, along with the purposeful expression on his face, present a clear, intentional contrast with the passive mood of the equestrian portrait of Philip IV.

Goya employs a similar working method for this image as the one used in the *portrait of Philip IV*, i.e., applying regular lines to build up the body of the horse and the armour worn by its rider. Both figures stand out boldly against the background, which Goya has rendered more faithfully here than in some of the other copies. It is likely that he was aware of the importance of the scenery, both in the correct interpretation of this work by Velázquez and in the characterization of the figure.

CONSERVACIÓN

The etching plate is conserved in the National Chalcography Museum (cat. 162). It came from the Fondo de Recuperación of 1948 (body created to recover works of art taken out of Spain during the Civil War).

EXPOSICIONES

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