WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE? (QUÉ HAI QUE HACER MAS?)

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: DISASTERS OF WAR (PRINTS Y DRAWINGS, 1810-1815) (33/82)



DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1812 - 1815
DIMENSIONES	157 x 207 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Aguafuerte, aguatinta, lavis, punta seca y bruñidor
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	08 Dec 2010 / 24 May 2023
INVENTARIO	836 225

INSCRIPCIONES

42 (on the lower left-hand corner).

HISTORIA

See *Sad presentiments of what must come to pass (Tristes presentimientos de lo que ha de acontecer).*

The title was handwritten on the print by Goya in the first and only series that is known to have been printed at the time the works were created, which the artist gave to his friend Agustín Ceán Bermúdez. Therefore, the title was etched into the plate at a later date and left unchanged as of the first edition of the *Disasters of*

War printed by the San Fernando Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Madrid in 1863, after the printing of the series in the possession of Ceán Bermúdez.

There is no surviving preparatory drawing of this print.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

This print depicts a brutal scene of torture. Four French soldiers have captured a Spanish man who they have stripped naked and are holding upside-down against a tree. Two of the soldiers grasp his legs while another observes the scene in the background. The soldier in the foreground with his back to the viewer is holding a sword in both hands ready to cut off his victim's genitals and probably continue mutilating his body.

Mutilation was a practice that was possibly used as a method of humiliating the enemy even after death. Once the victim had been killed, any violent act carried out to the corpse could only have had the purpose of depriving the dead person of their dignity.

This print is linked to no. 37, *This is worse (Esto es peor)* and no. 39, *Great deeds! With dead bodies! (Grande hazaña! Con muertos!)*, which show mutilated corpses that are missing some of their limbs.

Once again, nature is complicit in a brutal event, providing a support for the ignominious act of dismembering a prisoner's body.

CONSERVACIÓN

La plancha se conserva en la Calcografía Nacional (cat. 284).

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