

# THE WORST IS TO BEG (LO PEOR ES PEDIR)

CLASIFICACIÓN: DRAWINGS

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



## DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA

Ca. 1812 - 1815

UBICACIÓN

The Prado National Museum. Madrid, Madrid, Spain

DIMENSIONES

171 x 219 mm

TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE

Sanguina y lápiz negro sobre papel verjurado

RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA

Undisputed work

TITULAR

El Prado National Museum

FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN

16 Dec 2010 / 23 May 2023

INVENTARIO

473 (D.4386)

## INSCRIPCIONES

28 (on the lower left-hand corner).

## HISTORIA

See *Sad presentiments of what must come to pass*.

This drawing, along with the set of preparatory drawings for the rest of this series, formed

part of the Carderera Collection and subsequently part of the Prado Museum, where it is currently housed.

#### ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

There are some differences between this preparatory drawing and the corresponding print no. 55, *The worst is to beg (Lo peor es pedir)*, lending alternative connotations to some aspects of the print's contents. Goya maintains the figure of the emaciated man wearing a hat who sits in the centre of the composition. However, in the drawing there is a woman next to him whose head is covered; this figure does not appear in the final print. The young woman who walks past the starving people in the drawing is depicted holding the arm of the French soldier in the drawing, reinforcing the link between these two figures. Goya also omits from the print the soldier situated in the background opposite the young woman, as well as the French officer who is pointing right with one hand in the direction of the group of people begging.

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