

Spanish Patriots Attacking the French Banditti - Loyal Britons Lending
a Lift

Sold

James Gillray



Description

James Gillray (1757-1815)

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Indistinctly inscribed lower centre: Buonaparte....

Pen and grey and brown ink and coloured washes on wove paper watermarked: D & P/1808

29.2 by 47.3 cm., 11 ½ by 18 ½ in.

Provenance:

Mrs Humphrey, widow of the publisher and print dealer H. Humphrey, her sale, Forster's, 14th July 1835, one of lot 398-479;

Minto Wilson;

Mrs H. Blake Tyler, her sale, Sotheby's, 6th July 1964, lot 42;

Theodore Besterman, his sale, Christie's, 17th November 1981, lot 71;

Anonymous sale, Christie's, 20th November 2003, lot 13;

Private Collection, UK

Exhibited:

London, Leger Galleries, English Watercolours and Drawings from the Collection of Theodore Besterman, 1969, no. 30

This is a preparatory sketch for the print of the same name published by H. Humphrey in August 1808. It shows the defeat of the French army under Baylen by Castanos at the foot of the Sierra Morena in July 1808 (see M. D. George, *Catalogue of Political and Personal Satires ... in the British Museum*, vol. VIII, 1978, no. 11010).