IF HE IS GUILTY, LET HIM DIE QUICKLY (SI ES DELINCUENTE Q.E MUERA PRESTO)

CLASIFICACIÓN: PRINTS

SERIE: ASSORTED PRINTS (1778-1815)

DATOS GENERALES

CRONOLOGÍA	Ca. 1810 - 1815
DIMENSIONES	115 x 85 mm
TÉCNICA Y SOPORTE	Etching
RECONOCIMIENTO DE LA AUTORÍA DE GOYA	Undisputed work
FICHA: REALIZACIÓN/REVISIÓN	16 Nov 2010 / 07 Jun 2023
INVENTARIO	836 225

INSCRIPCIONES

4 (in pencil, upper right-hand corner).

55/9 (lower right-hand corner).

HISTORIA

See *The Blind Guitarrist* and *The custody is as barbarous as the crime.*

The title of this work is taken from the handwritten title of a state proof that Goya included in the album of his Disasters of War prints which he gave to his friend Ceán Bermúdez and which is now in the British Museum, London.

ANÁLISIS ARTÍSTICO

In a darkened cell a prisoner is bound to the wall by chains around his neck. His arms are tied behind his back and his feet are locked in a large shackle. The prisoner's body is curved in a line that starts at his feet, which are resting on the floor, continues up to his slightly bent knees, and finishes at his torso, which is slumped forward. His face is in shadow, concealing his features from the viewer. This awkward posture is the same as that of the prisoner depicted in *The custody is as barbarous as the crime*. The ragged clothes of the man are lighter in tone, possibly an allusion to his innocence.

Goya has described the space using short, compact horizontal lines, whilst the face of the accused has been rendered using a dense grid-like pattern, making it impossible for us to see his features.

The title of this print sheds some light on the story of this prisoner, who is most likely awaiting his execution, and expresses the inflexibility and inhumanity of some of the punishments that the laws of the time subjected prisoners to. This etching must have been made during the same period as *The custody is as barbarous as the crime* and *The custody of a prisoner does not call for torture* and is related to various prints from *the Disasters of War* series, in which Goya depicts scenes of prisoners condemned to death, clearly demonstrating his opposition to capital punishment.

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