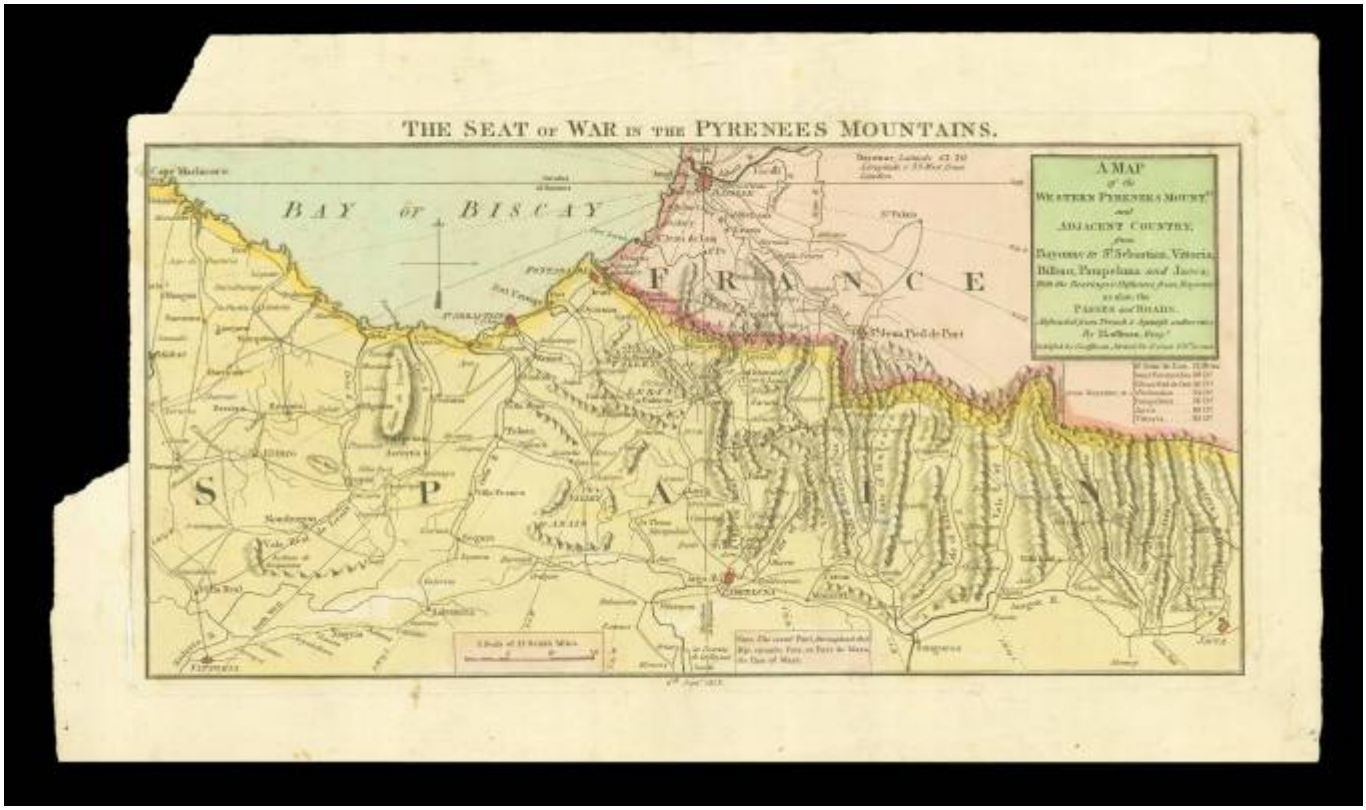


Engraved map, with contemporary hand- colour.

THE FINAL PHASE OF THE PENINSULAR WAR

A Map of the Western Pyrenees Mount[ai]ns and adjacent country, from Bayonne to St. Sebastian, Vittoria, Bilbao, Pameluna, and Jacca; With the Bearings & Distances from Bayonne, as also,
the Passes and Roads.

Author
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Publication date
1813.

Publisher
John Luffman,

Publication place
London,

Physical description
Engraved map, with contemporary hand- colour.

Dimensions
195 by 385mm. (7.75 by 15.25 inches).

Notes
John Luffman (1751-1821) was one of the more interesting English publishers of the first decade of the nineteenth century; he began his career as an engraver, trained by John Bayly, a noted map

engraver in the Goldsmiths' Company, producing a fine map of Antigua, where had resided in 1787 and 1789; however, and this was a common fate for engraver-mapmakers, he was declared bankrupt on 9th March, 1793, the bankruptcy certified on 21st December, 1793, and a dividend paid on 1st March, 1794. Although he continued in business, he was more cautious thereafter, restricting himself to producing small format atlases and handy-sized map of the theatres of war, principal towns and cities and battle-plans relating to the Wars of the French directorate and subsequent Napoleonic War.

Having engraved a good number of maps, Luffman later reprinted them as atlases, for example 'Luffman's collection, or a geographical & topographical atlas' (1815-1816) and 'Plans of the principal fortresses in the Netherlands and on the French frontier…' (1816); the Newberry Library exemplar seems to be from one such composite collection.

This attractive map depicts the final phase of the Peninsular War, in which the Anglo-Portuguese army, commanded by the Duke of Wellington, having fought its way up through Spain, sought to cross the Pyrenees into southern France.

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