

18th-CENTURY SPAIN AS SEEN BY FOREIGN TRAVELLERS,
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO CATALONIA.

The many English, French and Italian travellers who visited Spain between 1755 and 1795 form a fairly coherent group within a contained period. Their impressions, pace Sairraih and Juderías, are valuable because they provide much supplementary information to the reports of Spanish observers: Jovellanos, in the North, Cavanilles in the Kingdom of Valencia, and Ponz, over the whole country. I shall take as examples of the virtues and limitations of these travellers: a description of Charles III, some impressions of Toledo, Bilbao and Valencia, and I shall make a detailed comparison of the accounts of Mataró and Barcelona given by Ponz and by certain travellers in order to bring out the merits of the latter.

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