

**Wellington, Arthur Wellesley** [Wesley], Duke of (*b.* 1769, *d.* 1852), was educated at Eton and the Military Academy of Angers, and entered the army in 1787. As lieutenant-colonel he served in Holland (1794), and in 1797 was sent to India. In 1799, under General Harris, he stormed Seringapatam, defeated the Mahrattas at Assaye in 1803, and returned home two years later. After serving at Copenhagen (1806), and sitting in Parliament for two years (being Irish Secretary in 1807), he was sent to Portugal in 1808. Having won the victories of Roliça and Vimiera, he was superseded, but in 1809 was again in the Peninsula. He was made a peer for the victory of Talavera, and won the battle of Busaco in 1810, after which he constructed the lines of Torres Vedras. This was followed by Fuentes d' Oñoro (1811), the capture of Ciudad Rodrigo and Badajoz (1812), and the victory of Salamanca in the same year. He was now created marquis, and after the battle of Vittoria drove the French across the Pyrenees. After being made field-marshal and duke, he attended the Congress of Vienna, which he left to meet Napoleon at