

## Piranesi, View of the Via Appia Antica



### Subject

View of the Via Appia Antica, from the series "Le Antichit  Romane"

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Engraving

Giovanni Battista Piranesi, Mogliano Veneto 1720 – 1778 Rome

ca. 1756 – ca. 1757

35.1 cm x 24.1 cm

### Inscriptions

Top right: (initial part illegible) VII. Bottom: View of the ancient Via Appia, which passes beneath the walls already described in previous plates by Ustrino, today covered in the ruins of the same. A. Bed of the ground well de-sodded, and beaten with poles, before spreading the coarse fill one palm high in the likeness of a slab composed of pozzolan lime, and chips of flint stones, and over it forcibly planted the flint paving stones B. cut in the reverse to a diamond point. C. Other stones placed in the manner of Wedges, which tighten and handily enclose the aforesaid stones, which pave the Way already mentioned, among which at every 30. palms comes one D. more eminent and higher than the others of such making, which perhaps was to serve those, who mounted, and dismounted from horses, and of rest for Travellers. This and the lower others are planted above a large filling wall of similar stone

chips, but larger than those mentioned above. Below right: Piranesi Archit. dis. inc.

**Placement**

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