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the peninsular war 1807 1814 was the military conflict fought in the iberian peninsula by portugal spain and the united kingdom against the invading and occupying forces of the first french empire during the napoleonic wars the war on the peninsula lasted until the sixth coalition defeated napoleon in 1814 and is regarded as one of the first wars of national liberation and significant for the emergence of large scale guerrilla warfare the peninsula campaign also known as the peninsular campaign of the american civil war was a major union operation launched in southeastern virginia from march to july 1862 the first large scale offensive in the eastern theater initiated by union major general george b mcclellan the purpose of the peninsula campaign was to advance on and capture the confederate capital of richmond virginia via the virginia peninsula situated between the james and york rivers in our special for this issue graham goodlad looks first at the events that led to france s defeat 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