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The late eighteenth century and beginning of the nineteenth century was a fabulous period for Solar System astronomy, with Herschel's discovery of Uranus on 13 March 1781 and Piazzi's detection of the first asteroid, Ceres, on 1 January 1801. Other asteroid discoveries quickly followed. The naming of Uranus and Ceres involved the astronomers of Europe in considerable debate and controversy, as evidenced by the map shown on the cover of this issue of the *Journal*. This map was printed in 1802 or 1803, and Uranus is listed as 'Georgium Sidus' and Ceres as 'Piazzi'. Meanwhile, the insert shows what the astronomer, Piazzi, looked like at about this time. For an account of the controversy surrounding the naming of Ceres see the paper by Clifford J. Cunningham, Brian G. Marsden and Wayne Orchiston on pages 240-248 in this issue of the *Journal*.