

**LE BRUN, Jeanne-Julie-Louise,
Mme Gaëtan-Bernard Nigris**

Paris 12.II.1780–8.XII.1819

Mme Vigée Le Brun's daughter made several pastels (one is after a pastel by Jakob Orth, *q.v.*); her mother refers proudly to "ses heureuses dispositions pour la peinture" in her *Souvenirs*. However their relationship was sometimes strained, particularly after she married, in 1799, Gaëtan-Bernard Nigris (c.1766–?1831), secretary to comte Tchernychev. He was of humble origins (his father Bernardin was secrétaire de l'ambassadeur de Venise, where Gaëtan was born; his mother, née Theodora Eynhouts, was a marchande-lingère). Mme Nigris was in St Petersburg with her mother, who was made an honorary free associate of the Académie des beaux-arts there in 1800, the year in which "Mme Nigri" was appointed ("назначенная") by the Académie, giving her the right to teach, on the basis of her pastel of the head of a man ("рисунку мужской головы сухими красками"). She soon separated from her husband. Later, in an effort to support herself independently she appeared as Dlle Nigris in the *Almanach du commerce de Paris* in 1811, rue Saint-Lazare, 83, among the peintres-artistes.

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Pastels

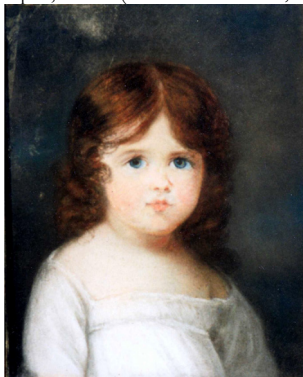
J.4684.101 Tsaritsa ELISAVETA Alexeievna, née Luise Prinzessin von Baden (1779–1826), consort of Alexander I, pstl, 53x43, sd ✓ "Julie Le Brun pinxit Saint Petersburg 1801" (Eichenzell, Schloß Fasanerie, inv. 8264). A/r Jakob Orth pstl, J.5656.103 φ



J.4684.1015 Tsaritsa ELISAVETA Alexeievna, pstl, sd ✗ "Julie Le Brun/ ...fecit/... Petersburg 1801" (location n/k). A/r Vigée Le Brun pstl, J.76.184 φ



J.4684.102 Caroline-Louise "Léonie" de RIVIÈRE, plus tard comtesse de Masclary (1809–1897), pstl, c.1812 (Caroline de Rivière; desc. PC) φ



J.4684.103 [=J.76.359] Mme Jean-Nicolas-Louis RIVIÈRE, née Charlotte-Louise-Élisabeth, dite Caroline Vigée (1796–1864), pstl, sd "a Louveciennes, 21 x^{bre} 1812" (Étienne Vigée; desc. PC) φ



J.4684.115 Tête d'homme, pstl, 1800. Lit.: Петров, *op. cit.* 1864, p. 415