

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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Scientist, antiquary, writer etc. He came from a family of magistrates. He met Scipion Maffei in his home city in 1732 and together they travelled throughout Europe for more than two decades. His best known discovery was the Roman inscription in the Maison Carrée. He was a member and secrétaire perpétuel de l'Académie royale de Nîmes, where a later copy of his 1778 portrait by Barat (*q.v.*) is kept. His vast correspondence of more than 3000 letters etc. has been digitized. It includes a series of letters from Antoine-Joseph Dezallier d'Argenville, from whom he attempted to obtain pastels for own use. Of greater importance is the surviving draft of the account he provided Dezallier of his meetings with Rosalba Carriera (*q.v.*, where a transcript is appended).

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