

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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TOWNSHEND, George, 1st Marquess

London 1724 – Raynham 1807

Townshend was a soldier and politician, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1767; he was also a talented amateur engraver and caricaturist, “exasperating his opponents by exercising his skill in caricature against them”. His few pastels are supposedly signed “Townsend” but may involve confusions with the work of John Townsend (*q.v.*). George, a captain in the Foot until 1750 and a friend of the Marquess of Granby, is probably the Capt. Townshend portrayed by Liotard (*q.v.*). Other portraits of the marquess were made by Reynolds, Hudson, Mather Brown and Angelica Kauffman.

Bibliography

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Pastels

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