

# Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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## **BONINGTON, Richard**

1765–1835

Bonington inherited the post of governor of Nottingham gaol in 1789, but resigned in 1797 to devote himself to art, becoming a drawing teacher and portrait painter. He is said to have made numerous portraits in oil or pastel of prominent persons in Nottingham from 1797 on. In 1817 he moved to Calais where he set up a lace-making factory. He is best known as the father of Richard Parkes Bonington.

### **Bibliography**

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