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HUYGENS, Constantijn II

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Secretary to stadtholder Willem III, connoisseur, draughtsman and topographical artist. He was the elder son of Constantijn Huygens, heer van Zuylichem (1596–1687), secretary to two princes of Orange, poet, musician and collector, and brother of the mathematician and physicist Christiaan Huygens (1629–1695), both of whom were portrayed by Bernard Vaillant (*q.v.*). Constantijn experimented with pastel and, with his brother, was fascinated by the technical aspects of fabricating the sticks. Christiaan visited Lely (*q.v.*) in England in 1663, and extracted his recipe only after some persistence.

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