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MERIAN, Johann Matthäus von

Frankfurt 1659–1716

Johann Matthäus or Jan Matthaëus, son of Matthäus d. J. (*q.v.*); he reputedly made a fortune from full length portraits for which he charged 12 louis. He also made pastel copies from engravings after Rubens and Van Dyck. Although the prices do not correspond, he, rather than the miniaturist Maria Sibylla Merian (1647–1717), must be the subject of the entry in Rosalba Carriera's diary for 4.XI.1720, while she was in Paris: "Veduto quel Signore di Hamborg che mi disse esser morto da poco un tal Merian che lavorava in pastelli, e si faceva pagare cento luigi il pezzo".

Bibliography

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