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MARIA FRANCISCA BENEDITA de Bragança

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Maria Francisca Benedita &c. was the youngest daughter of José I of Portugal, sister of Maria Francisca Elisabetta who married their uncle, the succeeding king Pedro III. In 1777 Benedita married her nephew José, who became duque de Bragança on José I's death a few days later. When her husband died in 1788 she was known as Princesa-viúva do Brasil. She was an amateur pastellist; the only known examples is from after 1800, but she may well have worked in the medium before that date.

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