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British artist who, with archaeologist James Chandler and architect Nicholas Revett, surveyed the antiquities of Ionia on a 1756 expedition funded by London's Society of Dilettanti. Pars's detailed illustrations of ancient Greek buildings for Chandler's multi-volume work, *Antiquities of Ionia* (1769-97), contributed to the Greek revival that shaped British and American architecture in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. They also preserved, for later archaeologists, a detailed record of structures long since demolished.