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QUEEN ELIZABETH II VISITS NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART'S
BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION THE EYE OF THOMAS JEFFERSON

WASHINGTON, D.C. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II arrives today, Thursday, July 8, at 3:35 p.m. at the National Gallery of Art to view the exhibition The Eye of Thomas Jefferson, which has been produced by the National Gallery for the U.S. Bicentennial.

She will be greeted by President of the National Gallery of Art and Mrs. Paul Mellon and J. Carter Brown, Director.

The exhibition includes two works of art on loan from Her Majesty: "Warley Camp: The Mock Attack" by Philip James de Loutherbourg (1779) and "Charles-Alexandre de Calonne" by Marie-Louise-Elisabeth Vigée-Lebrun (1784).

Other highlights of the exhibition which she will view include the Venus de' Medici (first century B.C.-first century A.D.) on loan from the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, which Jefferson and his contemporaries admired as the embodiment of ideal perfection; a large-scale model of Monticello; and a Jeffersonian garden in the Gallery's West Garden Court.

The Queen will exit by the Fourth Street entrance to the Gallery, where she will be able to view the Gallery's new East Building project currently under construction with funds provided by the Mellon family.

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The Queen previously visited the National Gallery in October 1957. At that time she viewed the permanent collections and visited the exhibition The Art of William Blake, which was arranged by the National Gallery in her honor to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of William Blake.

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