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Sir Charles Blagden FRS (ca. 1748–1820), the Francophile physician and Secretary of the Royal Society, portrayed by Mary Dawson Turner, after Thomas Phillips (1816). Blagden acted as amanuensis to two of the greatest (and most difficult) scientists of his day: Henry Cavendish and Sir Joseph Banks. Widely travelled and with an excellent command of languages, Blagden proved an ideal secretary for the Society. He died of a stroke at Arcueil, after a visit to his friend Claude Louis Berthollet (1748–1822).