

Neil Jeffares, *Dictionary of pastellists before 1800*

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BERSTETT, Philipp Jakob Reinhard Freiherr von

Berstett 1.X.1744 – Offenburg 31.III.1814
Also Philippe-Jacques-Regnard or René, baron de Berstett; he commenced his career in the French service as a lieutenant in the regiment of Nassau-Saarbrück at the age of 13, but was badly wounded at Parma. He returned to Strasbourg, becoming a conseiller to the grand sénat in 1762. He rose to become the last Präsident of the Reichsritterschaft in the Ortenau. In 1768 he married Karoline Christina Leopoldine Frein von Dettlingen, and among their children was the numismatist Christian Jakob August von Berstett (1773–1860). Following a trip to Zweibrücken in 1791, he was declared an émigré by Revolutionary decree of 8.IV.1792 and his property confiscated. Evidently an amateur pastellist, his series of genre pastels, copied after Boucher, Nattier etc., are similar to the anonymous sets of beauties of which other examples are now in Darmstadt, Hessisches Landesmuseum (formerly in the Schloß Richthof).

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Pastels

J.15.101 [La princesse de BEAUVAU, née Marie-Sophie-Charlotte de la Tour d'Auvergne (1729–1763)], pstl/pchm, 41x32.5 ov., sd *verso* 1771 (Kühlungsborn, Auktionshaus, 25.VII.2015, Lot 91 repr., est. €1800; Satow, Auktionshaus, 29.VIII.2015, Lot 79 repr., est. €1200; Kühlungsborn, Auktionshaus, 30.XII.2016, Lot 212 repr., est. €500; Lübeck, Hanseart, 24.IV.2021, Lot 284 repr., est. €280; Lübeck, Hanseart, 2.XII.2023, Lot 403 repr., with J.15.105, est. €180) [A/r Nattier] φv



J.15.103 Junge Dame mit Hut und Blumen [la comtesse VON HÖPKEN], pstl/pchm, 41x33 ov. (Kühlungsborn, Auktionshaus, 25.VII.2015, Lot 93 repr., est. €1800). A/r Boucher φ



J.15.105 Junge Dame mit Pokal [als Hebe], pstl/pchm, 41x32 ov., sd *verso* 1768 (Kühlungsborn, Auktionshaus, 25.VII.2015, Lot 92 repr., est. €1800; Satow, Auktionshaus, 29.VIII.2015, Lot 77 repr., est. €1900; Kühlungsborn, Auktionshaus, 30.XII.2016, Lot 211 repr., est. €500; Lübeck, Hanseart, 24.IV.2021, Lot 283 repr., est. €280; Lübeck, Hanseart, 2.XII.2023, Lot 403 repr., with J.15.101, est. €180) φ



J.15.107 Junge Dame einen Brief lesend, pstl/pchm, 41x32.5 ov., sd *verso* 1771 (Kühlungsborn, Auktionshaus, 25.VII.2015, Lot 87 repr., est. €1800; Satow, Auktionshaus, 29.VIII.2015, Lot 76 repr., est. €1200; Kühlungsborn, Auktionshaus, 30.XII.2016, Lot 214 repr., est. €500) φ



J.15.109 Junges Mädchen mit Tuch, pstl/pchm, 42x33 ov., sd *verso* 1773 (Kühlungsborn, Auktionshaus, 25.VII.2015, Lot 89 repr., est. €1800) φ



J.15.111 Junge Dame mit Hut und Blumenschmuck, pstl/pchm, 42x33 ov., sd *verso* 1773 (Kühlungsborn, Auktionshaus, 25.VII.2015, Lot 90 repr., est. €1800; Satow, Auktionshaus, 29.VIII.2015, Lot 78 repr., est. €1200; Kühlungsborn, Auktionshaus, 30.XII.2016, Lot 213 repr., est. €500) φ

