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LÉTOMBE, Philippe-André- Joseph de, sgr d'Authoy

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The French diplomat was a member of the supreme council at Port-au-Prince from 1770. He was appointed French consul in New Hampshire and Connecticut in 1779, and consul general to the USA in 1781, residing in Boston, until 1792; he was later reappointed. He retired to France in 1801. There is nothing to indicate that he was a pastellist except the portrait of Franklin (which is not in Sellers 1962), his friend, attributed in the 1887 sale to an unknown “P.-F. La Tombe”, here reattributed with all necessary caution.

Bibliography

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J.10??071 FRANKLIN, en buste, de grandeur nature, vêtue d'un habit rouge, pstl, ov., sd 1776 (X. Pittet; vente p.m., Paris, Drouot, Chevallier, Couturier, 11–15.I.1887, Lot 214 n.r.) [?attr.; cf. P.-F. de La Croix; ?date]