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SAUCHES, Frau von, née Freiin Elisabeth von Bechard

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Liotard and his son, according to the latter's journal, dined with General Bechard on 10.II.1778 and again two weeks later. On the first occasion, "Mon Papa passa une partie du temps à corriger un portrait que la fille avait fait de l'oncle et en fit une ressemblance dont ils furent enchantés." On the second visit (25.II.1778), "Mon Papa travailla à corriger le portrait de sa femme que l'aînée de ses nièces avait fait." They seem likely to be in pastel. According to the genealogies, she must have been Elisabeth, daughter of Franz Ferdinand von Bechard, who was elevated to a barony the following year (1779, some years after his younger brother), and his wife, Anna Maria Freiin von Scheiert. Elisabeth married Oberstlieutnant von Sauches (or Gauches; perhaps both are misspelled) in the Neapolitan service.

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Pastels

J.6554.101 Johann Freiherr von BECHARD (1728–1788), Maria-Theresianordensritter, General-Feldwachtmeister, Commandant des Sappeurcorps 1778; & pendant: J.6554.102 épouse, née Marianne Freiin von Tinti, 1778 (Liotard, *Journal*). Lit.: L&R 319/320 n.r.; R&L 520 n.r.