

Jean Baptisete Louis Claude Théodore Leschenault de La Tour

Born 13 November 1773 at Chalon-sur-Saône (Saône-et-Loire)

Botanist on board the *Géographe*

Transferred to the *Naturaliste* at Timor on 7 October 1801

Rejoined the *Géographe* at Port Jackson on 3 November 1802

Left the expedition due to illness at Timor on 2 June 1803

Returned to France in 1807 following stays in Timor, Java and then Philadelphia

Named director of the Royal Garden in Pondicherry in 1816

Returned to Paris in 1822

Departed on mission to the Americas (Brasil, Guyana, the West Indies) in 1823

Forced to return to France in November 1824 due to illness

Age on departure from Le Havre: 26

Died 14 March 1826

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