

Reducing the cost of passive support

Creation of the Foundling's Institution and the General Care Institute. (Cabinet order no. 258. The Ruling Cabinet in Denmark 1768-1772)

Struensee described the purpose of these institutions as a useful project to promote industry. Compassion and support for the poor was, according to Struensee, primarily a means to

promote this final goal, 'for if this is successful, soon the words "beggar" and "poor" will no longer be heard.'

Struensee believed that 'it was in both the dependant's and the government's interest, especially if through information and education, the poor could be transformed from shabby beggars to productive members of society.'

(Amdi Amdisen: Struensee - Til nytte og fornøjelse (Struensee - For usefulness and fun).