

Savings on the defence budget

Reduction of the country's military power (Cabinet order no. 1430. The Ruling Cabinet in Denmark 1768-1772).

One of the heaviest financial burdens during Struensee's time in power was the expense of the military.

In order to limit costs, the country's military would be reduced. Struensee believed that Denmark should not be an aggressive military power and he did not intend for the country to have a military prepared to attack other countries, but only to defend Denmark against assault.

On 5 February 1771, Struensee sent a number of questions about the country's military might, including:

Since Denmark must never lead an offensive war, how many troops will it take to defend it (the country)?

The actual power should lie with the navy. Struensee was in favour of expanding the fleet so it was one of the largest in Europe.