

Slimming down the public administration

Gage regulations. (Cabinet order 82, among others The Ruling Cabinet in Denmark 1768-1772)

Civil servant salaries were converted through a series of salary regulations. Wages were reduced in all of the regulations.

The order for simplification from Struensee was as follows: Based on the included single regulations, head regulations would be formed, to be sent out with the highest royal assent.

These head regulations would replace all the different existing codes which had been in effect until then, and this unification would make application procedures simpler and more manageable.

Struensee was behind the closure of a number of positions and he also strove to obtain better qualified officials, in part by the removal of 'lackey-ism', a form of nepotism that allowed unqualified servants of the rich to be employed in the state administration.