

Prioritization of infrastructure projects

Stopping construction on the Marble Church (Frederick's Church) (Cabinet order no. 458 and 1129, among others The Ruling Cabinet in Denmark 1768-1772)

On 26 October 1770, Struensee acting as the king ordered construction work on the new Frederik's Church to be temporarily suspended.

Ceasing construction was another example of Struensee's desire to rid the state of expenses that he found unnecessary and thereby improve the ailing Danish economy.

The order was followed by a royal decree on 8 November 1770 for postponement of construction.

The church construction was indefinitely postponed, and it would take over 100 years before it was resumed.

However, it was not possible to stop the delivery of stone and marble at the same time that construction was halted. In order to receive some income, the royal decree included a provision that the materials should benefit the public. This was done by sale of the materials to private construction, and the money from the sale was deposited in the king's fund.

Construction of the Marble Church was finished in the late 1800s, with funds donated by C.F. Tietgen, but it was not as grand and impressive as it would have been under the original project.