

Secret agent at work!

This gouache (40 x 60 cm) by Johannes Senn shows Frederik VI surrounded by his staff with the Life Guard on foot in the background, circa 1809-1810.



The picture is one of three parade pictures in the same series, the other two are at Brahetrolleborg.

The officers shown are presumably all portraits, thus one recognizes the Chief of Staff von Bülow and the Chief of the Foot Guard, von Baudissin.

The picture hung in the Defense Intelligence Service, Kastellet, until apparently someone thought they needed NOK 10,000 and therefore "*sneaked in*" and sold a bit of the State's property and Denmark's history.

The picture was sold on September 5, 2001, as lot 1618 at Bruun-Rasmussen's Art Auctions.

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