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STURZ, Helfrich Peter

Darmstadt 1736 – Bremen 1779

Writer and diplomat as well as portrait painter and draughtsman. Sturz (also Sturtz, Stürz) trained in Jena, Göttingen and Gießen, and was appointed private secretary to the Danish minister Johann Hartwig Ernst Graf von Bernstorff in Copenhagen in 1762. In 1768 he accompanied Christian VII on his visit to London and Paris. Some of the portraits he made around 1771 are in Hirschholm Slot. On the fall of the Bernstorff regime, Sturz was dismissed. He wrote a play; among other writings, his essay on capital punishment is noteworthy.

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Pastels

J.701.101 SELVPORTRÆT, pstl, 49x41 (Desc.: Copenhagen, Kunsthallen, 29.VIII.2001, Lot 39 repr., est. DKr75,000). Lit.: A. D. Henriksen, *Skabner i struenseetiden*, 1972, p. 25 repr. φ



J.701.104 CAROLINE MATILDA, dronning af Danmark 1766, née Princess of England (1751–1775), pstl, a.1771 (Frederiksborg, inv. A4540). Lit.: Poulson 1991, I, p. 103 repr., attr. φα



J.701.106 FREDERIK VI (1768–1839), pstl, 50.1x39.1, 1771 (Rosenborg Slot, De Danske Kongers Kronologiske Samling, inv. 19-146) φ



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J.701.109 Princess LOUISE AUGUSTA (1771–1845), pstl, 64.0x51.2, 1771 (Rosenborg Slot, De Danske Kongers Kronologiske Samling, inv. 19-147) φ



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J.701.112 FRU STURZ, née Sara Sophie Wilhelmine Mazar de la Garde (1752–1820), pstl, 47x38 (Desc.: Copenhagen, Kunsthallen, 29.VIII.2001, Lot 40 repr., est. DKr50,000). Lit.: A. D. Henriksen, *Skabner i struenseetiden*, 1972, p. 35 repr. φ



J.701.115 Sara Sophie Amalie STURZ (1776–1812), kunstnerens datter, pstl, 47x40 (Desc.: Copenhagen, Kunsthallen, 29.VIII.2001, Lot 41 repr., est. DKr50,000). Lit.: A. D. Henriksen, *Skabner i struenseetiden*, 1972, p. 37 repr. φ