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Object: August Kestner (1777-1853) as a

privateer

Museum: Museum August Kestner

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Description

August Kestner, sitting on an armchair. - There are few things of significance at the art exhibition. My life-size portrait of Rahl, an Austrian, is [...] one of the best paintings. Closer friends, however, dispute the conception of my character. [...] Rahl paints with more impasto, his colour is more historical, but his conception less tasteful." (Kestner in a letter to his nephew Hermann Kestner, 26.03.1942).

With this portrait, Kestner refers to an important part of his collection, the Aegyptiaca. The two vessels in the background, dating from the New Kingdom (c. 1300 BC), can be identified in the museum's Egyptian collection. (AVS)

Former August Kestner Collection, Rome

Basic data

Material/Technique: Oil on canvas

Measurements:

Events

Painted When 1842-1843

Who Carl Rahl (1812-1865)

Where Rome

Was depicted When

(Actor)

Who August Kestner (1777-1853)

Where

[Relation to When

person or institution]

Who August Kestner (1777-1853)

Where

[Relation to When

person or institution]

Who Charlotte Buff (1753-1828)

Where

Keywords

• Painting

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