



## Kingdom of Denmark

**Status:** Minor nation.

**Monarch:** His Majesty King Frederick VI (left).

**Delegate:** Count Niels Rosenkrantz (right).

### Background

Before the Napoleonic Wars, the Nordic world was split between Denmark and Sweden, with Denmark owning Norway, Iceland, and Greenland. A key trading partner of both Britain and France, Denmark tried to remain neutral during the Napoleonic Wars, but Britain didn't like that so they went to Copenhagen in 1801 and 1807 to bombard the city and capture the Dano-Norwegian Navy. Denmark responded by **allying with France**, but without a navy they couldn't really do much and by 1813 the state was bankrupt.

Cut off from France by the Sixth Coalition's victories in Germany, Denmark sued for peace, and in the 1814 Treaty of Kiel they were forced to **relinquish Norway in exchange for Swedish Pomerania** (a North German territory owned by Sweden). Norway, however, didn't like being used as a bargaining chip and revolted against Sweden, proclaiming the Danish heir as their King. Although Denmark wasn't technically involved, Sweden responded by **refusing to hand over Swedish Pomerania**. By the time of the Congress, both the Norwegian War of Independence, and the dispute over Swedish Pomerania, were ongoing.



*Christian Frederick, heir to Denmark and King of Norway*

### Objectives

Denmark's objectives were to **obtain Swedish Pomerania** as promised to them by the 1814 Treaty of Kiel, and secondly, to **promote the cause of the Norwegian rebels** (who just so happened to have selected the heir to the Danish throne as their King).