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Karl August Krazeisen (1794-1878) was a Bavarian soldier, Philhellene, and portraitist. In 1812, he entered the Bavarian army and participated in the 1813/1814 War of the Sixth Coalition. In 1826, having by then been promoted to the rank of lieutenant, at the orders of the Philhellene King Ludwig I of Bavaria, he was sent to Greece along with eleven other Bavarians, to assist the resistance against the forces of Muhammad Ali of Egypt.

Under the command of Charles Nicolas Fabvier, Krazeisen participated in military operations against the Ottoman Turks and Egyptians from November 1826 – April 1827 including the Siege of the Acropolis and the Battle of Phaleron. At the end of the revolution, he returned to Munich where he was promoted to the rank of General of the Infantry.

Although Krazeisen was not a professional artist, he did have drawing ability. During his stay in Greece, he created portraits of the Greek revolutionary heroes, sketched camps, costumes, uniforms, and battle plans.

In 1827, he published an album of his works, some which are presented in the following pages. This album was republished seven times and along with his service to the Greek Revolution, the album earned Krazeisen the honor with the Order of the Redeemer.



Hans Staengl Jfe. 1828.

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H. Engelstr. 1858

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Hauptaengl f. 1847.

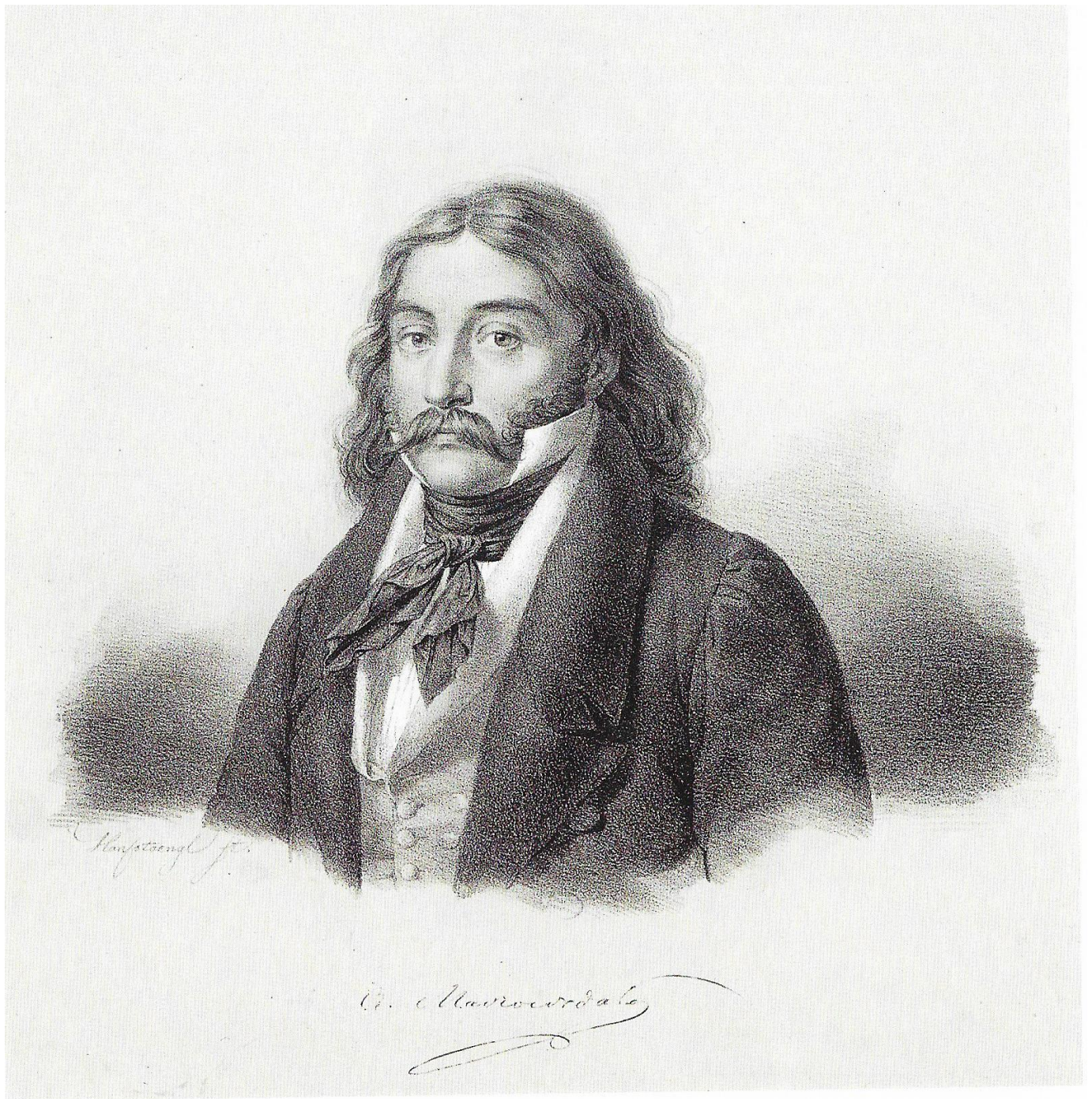


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