

he com. the 4th brigade of the royal army. He com. a detachment under Gov. Tryon, in his exped. to Danbury, Apr. 26, 1777, and was at the battle of Brandywine, where he was slightly wounded by a cannon-ball.

Aguirre (ä-gür-rä), LOPE DE, a Spanish adventurer. He went to Peru during the exped. of Orsua, in quest of the imaginary Eldorado (1560-61), a history of which has been written by Southey, and committed great atrocities. He prompted Orsua to seize supreme power, then killed him to obtain his place; and from that time committed frequent murders. He d. by violence in Venezuela.

Ahuizotl, emperor of the Aztecs ab. the close of the 15th century, is said to have enlarged his empire, and to have expended large sums in building canals and public edifices in Mexico. Tradition says, that, in 1486, he inaugurated a temple by the slaughter of 72,344 prisoners, the butchery lasting 43 days.

Aiken, WILLIAM, statesman, b. Charleston, S.C., 1806. S. C. Coll. 1825. After travelling for some time in Europe, he returned in 1829, and in 1830 became the proprietor of Jehossee Island, 30 miles south of Charleston, where he employed 1,000 negroes, and cultivated near 2,000 acres of rice. Member of the State legisl. in 1833-40; State senator in 1842; governor in 1844-6; and representative to Congress from 1851 to 1857. A Democrat of the Calhoun school: he was supported by that party in Congress for the speakership, and lacked but one vote. He has contrib. largely to the local enterprises of that region, making large donations to the Orphan Asylum of Charleston, and contrib. to the endowment of the Charleston Coll. and other public institutions of his native city. He took no part in the Rebellion.

Aikman, ALEXANDER, loyalist editor, b. Scotland, 1755; d. Prospect Pen, St. Andrews, Jamaica, July, 1838. At 16, he emigrated to Charleston, S.C., and was apprenticed to Robert Wells, printer. He left the country at the Revol., and settled in Jamaica, where he established the *Jamaica Mercury*, afterward the *Royal Gazette*. He was many years a member of the House of Assembly, and printer to that body and to the king. In 1795, he sailed for Great Britain, but was captured on the passage, and compelled to ransom his property.—*Sabine*.

Aillebout, LOUIS D', gov. of Canada 1647-51; d. Quebec, 1660. He came to Canada with colonists for the Island of Montreal; administered its government in the absence of Maisonneuve; was afterward gov. of Three Rivers, and, while gov. of Canada, endeavored, unsuccessfully, to form a combination with the N.-England governors to stop the encroachments of the Iroquois.—*Morgan*.

Ainslie, HEW, poet, b. Baugeny Mains, Carrick District, Ayrshire, Scotland, Apr. 5, 1792. He received a good education, and in his 17th year went to Glasgow to study law, but, declining the pursuit, obtained a situation in

July 26, and purchased a small farm in Hoosic, N.Y. In 1825, he removed to the West, tried New Harmony one year, and, finding it a failure, settled down as a brewer at Shippingport, Ky. In 1829, he built a brewery in Louisville, which was ruined by an inundation of the Ohio in 1832. Another in New Albany, Ind., was destroyed by fire in 1834. He has since employed himself in superintending the erection of breweries, mills, and distilleries, at the West, and is a resident of Louisville, Ky. On the eve of his departure from Scotland, Ainslie pub. "A Pilgrimage to the Land of Burns," a volume of notes interspersed with numerous songs and ballads suggested by a visit to his early home in Ayrshire. These, with his other songs, ballads, and poems, which originally appeared in various magazines, were pub. in 1855.—*Duyckinck*.

Ainsworth, LABAN, minister of Jaffrey, N.H., b. Woodstock, Ct., July 19, 1757; d. Jaffrey, N.H., Mar. 17, 1858. Dartm. Coll. 1778. Son of Capt. Win. Ainsworth. Ord. first pastor of the church at Jaffrey, Dec. 10, 1782, he continued 49 years without a colleague, and was pastor over the same people 76 years. He retained his bodily and mental powers so as to participate at the public services at the church, celebrating his 100th birthday.

Aitken, ROBERT, printer and bookseller, b. Scotland, 1734; d. Phila., July, 1802. He came to Phila. in 1769; pub. the *Pennsylvania Magazine, or American Monthly Museum*, from Jan. 1775 to June, 1776, with Hopkinson and Witherspoon for contributors, and, for his attachment to the cause of liberty, was thrown into prison in 1777, and narrowly escaped a residence in the prison-ships of N. Y. In 1782, he pub. the first American edition of the Bible, by which he was pecuniarily a loser. He is the supposed author of "An Inquiry concerning the Principles of a Commercial System for the U.S.," 1787.

Akerly, SAMUEL, M. D., physician, b. 1785; d. Staten Island, July 6, 1845. Col. Coll. 1804. He studied medicine with his brother-in-law, S. L. Mitchell. Besides being a large contributor to medical and scientific journals, he was a founder and most efficient supporter of the institutions for the deaf and dumb, and for the blind. Author of "Essay on the Geology of the Hudson River," 1820; "Observations on Deafness," 1821.

Akerman, AMOS T., U.S., atty.-gen., app. Jan. 15, 1870, b. N.H. 1819; adm. to the bar in 1841; removed to Elberton, Ga. in 1850; U.S. atty. for Georgia, 1866-70.

Akers, BENJAMIN PAUL, sculptor, b. Sacarappa, Me., July 10, 1825; d. Phila., May 21, 1861. At 18 he went to Portland, where he worked in a printing-office; but the sight of Chantrey's statue of Washington in the State House, Boston, led him to become a sculptor. In 1849, he opened a studio in Portland, and modelled busts of Longfellow, and others. In 1851-2, he visited Italy, and, on returning to Portland, modelled a statue of "Benjamin in