

Ainslie, George Robert

Major-General

(1776-1839)



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Biographical and Other Notes

Born in Edinburgh, rapid promotions in the army and colonial governorships via influential relatives. On Dominica he ordered the extermination of the Maroon population and following a hurricane, military execution of all runaway slaves. After losing control of Cape Breton he was recalled in 1814 and focused on collecting Anglo-Norman coins, travelling over England, Normandy and Brittany to acquire specimens. Published an illustrated book on the subject. Portions of collection sold by Sotheby and Son in 1831, and the main collection by Leigh Sotheby in 1840 and 1841.

Contributors to British Numismatics

Sources and References

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