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Distinguished naval officer; born in Wexford County, Ireland, 1745. At the outbreak of the Revolution he abandoned "the finest ship and the finest employ in America" to enter the service of the republic; was appointed by Congress, in 1776, to prepare for sea a fleet which sailed from Philadelphia, Pa.; rendered brilliant service while commanding successively the U. S. S. Lexington, the U. S. S. Raleigh, and the U. S. S. Alliance; was publicly thanked by Washington; became senior officer of the navy; died at Philadelphia, 1803.