

FRAY ÍÑIGO ABAD Y LASIERRA

Priest and historian
(Estadilla, 1745-Ribarroja, 1813)



GALLERY
of HISTORIANS
and GEOGRAPHERS of
AMERICA

He was the author of one of the first works of history about Puerto Rico. He studied philosophy at the University of Zaragoza and entered the monastery of Saint Mary "el Real" as a friar. From then on, he rose through several ecclesiastical levels until becoming bishop of Barbastro. In 1775 he travelled to America and, eleven years later, drafted several descriptions of the history and geography of various American provinces, especially the island of Puerto Rico.

Wrote: Relación de descubrimiento, conquista y población de las provincias y costas de Florida / Historia geográfica, civil y política de la isla de San Juan Bautista de Puerto Rico / Descripción de las costas de California.