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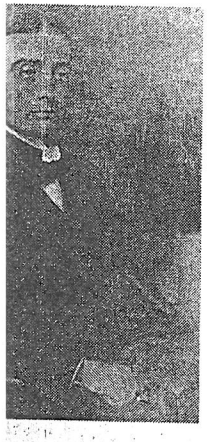

SYLVESTER O'HALLORAN (1728-1843)

Sylvester O'Halloran was born in Limerick. He was a brilliant student of medicine in Europe, and specialised in the areas of brain and eye surgery. He returned to Limerick around the mid 1770s. He built up an extensive medical practice and wrote a new treatment for cataract which attracted much attention from medical circles. He was the youngest honorary member of the Royal College of Surgeons, when it was formed in 1780. He was also renowned for his concern for the poor and was responsible for the funding of the County Infirmary. In 1774 he wrote a general history of Ireland which was regarded as a very important publication in Ireland.

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