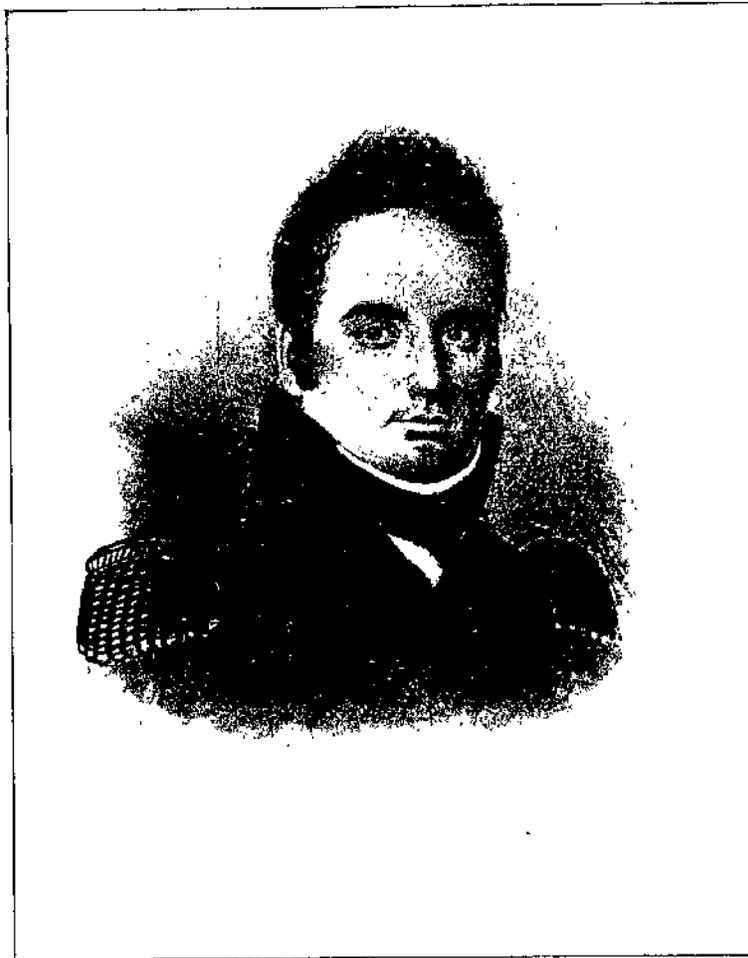


board to form rallying points for the militia in the event of invasion; and the commandant of each district was authorized to call upon the governors of the respective states for such portion of the militia most convenient to the menaced point as he should deem necessary, the operations of such troops to be combined with those of the regular force, and the whole to be under the direc-



BRIGADIER-GENERAL ROBERT SWARTWOUT.

tion of the commandant of the district, and while in service to be paid and supported by the United States."

Among the persons appointed to fill important positions in the different military districts was Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Swartwout, who was commissioned, on March 21, 1813, a quartermaster-general, with the rank of brigadier-general.

Major-General James Wilkinson, who had been in command of the department of the Gulf of Mexico, was then assigned to the command of the ninth military district, comprising that part of the state of New York lying north of