

# Royal Governors



# John Reynolds

- 1st governor of Georgia as a royal colony.
- Served as governor from 1754-1756
- Was a navy captain
- Established the idea of self-government
- Set up a bicameral legislature and a court system
- Economic wealth was his goal



# Henry Ellis

- 2<sup>nd</sup> royal governor, 1757-1759
- Scientist
- Allowed new colonists to move into Georgia. Many of these newcomers owned slaves.
- Highland Scots and Salzburgers resented this.

# James Wright

- 3<sup>rd</sup> royal governor
- Was previously the attorney general for South Carolina.
- Supported the self-government idea proposed by Reynolds.
- Crackers-people who moved to Georgia from Virginia and the Carolinas. They were considered the lower class and were thought to be people who did not obey the law. In short, they were not welcomed in Georgia.

