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George Monck (1608–1670), Duke of Albemarle, is shown here in military uniform with rod, sword, and anchor to symbolize his leadership on both land and sea.

Albemarle was a general during the English Civil War and gained fame for leading a campaign in Ireland and for defeating the Dutch at sea. Although Monck supported Parliament and Oliver Cromwell, after Cromwell's death he used the army to force Parliament to dissolve and call for new elections. The new Parliament invited Charles to take the throne, and the newly crowned Charles II named him Duke of Albemarle. Under Charles II, Albemarle served as "master of his majesty's horse and captain-general of all his forces."

In 1663, he and seven other Lords Proprietors were granted title to the Province of Carolina, which eventually became the colonies of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.



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