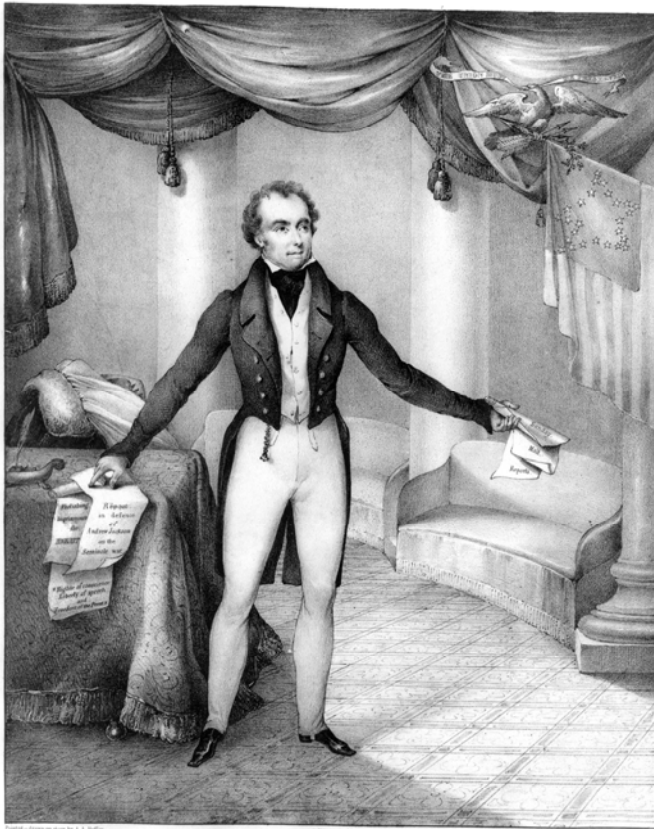


## Colonel Richard M. Johnson, ca. 1813



COL. RICHARD M. JOHNSON,

*of Kentucky*  
Born 1781

Richard Mentor Johnson (1781-1850), vice president of the United States, left his seat in the United States House of Representatives to raise, train, and lead a regiment of Kentucky Mounted Rifles against the British and Indians in campaigns across the Northwest Territories and in Canada. At the battle of the Thames, near Moravian Town, Ontario, Johnson and General William Henry Harrison used the horsemen and innovative tactics to help win the day. The death in battle of Tecumseh, leader of the pan-Indian confederacy, was generally ascribed to Johnson, who, like many Thames veterans, profited politically from this reputation.

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