

SA 498.9.5

✓



Mr. William F. Morrey,
New York City.

WHEN our Institutions will have had the sanction of time, when every thing weak, and every thing little in our days, passions, interests and vanities, will have disappeared, and great deeds and great men alone remain, then the name of BOLIVAR will be mentioned with pride in Venezuela, and with veneration throughout the universe.

Zea's Speech at Angostura, 1819.

Entered, according to Act of Congress, in the year 1864,

BY DOCTOR FELIPE LARRABANAL,

In the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New York.

9/20/6
H-1-1
611

CONTENTS.

CHAPTER I.—1783 to 1806.

Birth of Simon Bolivar—Infancy at Caracas—First voyage to Spain by way of Mexico and Havana—Goes to Paris—His marriage at Madrid, and return to Venezuela—Death of his wife—He goes back to Spain—Second visit to Paris—His interview with Humboldt—Trip to Italy—Oath on the Monte Sacro—Returns to Paris, and proceeds to Hamburgh by way of Holland—Embarkation for the United States—Leaves Charleston for La Guaira—Arrival at Caracas after touching at Antigua..... 1

CHAPTER II.

Retropective View—Venezuela neglected by the Mother-Country—The Belzares—Primitive Governors—First causes of the Revolution—Policy of the Cabinet of St. James in regard to the Spanish Colonies—Escape of Picornell and his Companions—Revolution of Gual and España—Its end—Revolutionary progress—Miranda—Death of Guayana Vasconcelos..... 12

CHAPTER III.—1807 to 1809.

Immediate causes of the Revolution—Position of Spain—French and English Agents—Movement of 15th July, 1806, in favor of Ferdinand VII.—Honorable conduct of the Americans—Meetings to constitute the Assembly at Caracas—Virtues and merits of the Revolutionists—Unjust decree from Central Assembly of Spain—Arrival of Captain-General Emparan—His rule.... 20

CHAPTER IV.—1810.

Preliminaries of 19th April—Events of this day—Madariaga—First acts of the Junta Suprema of Caracas—Commissioners—Bolivar goes to London—Consequence of his labors—Decree of Don Roscio to the Oidor Heredia—Counter-Revolution of the Linares—Fatal events at Quito on the 2d August.... 31

CHAPTER V.—1810 to 1811.

Letter of the Supreme Junta to the Regency—Its effects—Manifests of the Juntas of Caracas, Santa Fé and Quito—Absurd decree of the Cortes of Cadix—Scandalous act of Don Salvador Melendez—Return of Bolivar in company with Miranda—Biographical sketch of this General—Is made Deputy to Congress—Bolivar and he found the "Patriotic Society"—Oration of Bolivar in this Society, and his labors for the Declaration of Inde-

pendence—The Congress is inaugurated the 3d March—Opinion of the Deputies—Executive Power—Escape of Montenegro—Declaration of Independence the 5th July, 1811—Brief answer to the charges made against the Fathers of our Liberty by Torano and others 41

CHAPTER VI.—1811 AND 1812.

Events following the Declaration of Independence—Miranda takes command of the Army—His ingratitude to Bolívar—The Federal Constitution of Venezuela—Colombian Era—Decrees of Congress—England offers to mediate, so as to put an end to the dissensions in America—Answer of the Cortes—Operations of Monteverde at Siquisique—Earthquake of the 26th March, 1812—Terrible effects of this phenomenon—Treason of Montalvo—Monteverde at San Carlos—Dictatorship of Miranda—Bolívar at Puerto Cabello—Negligence of Miranda—Conspiracy in the citadel of Puerto Cabello—Insurrection of slaves in Guarena and Guatire—Interview of the Marquis of Casa-Leon with Miranda—Unfortunate result 61

CHAPTER VII.—1812.

Capitulation of Miranda—Reprobation of his conduct—Important facts little known—Opinion of Bolívar against the surrender—Miranda at La Guayra—The "Sapphire"—Plot of the Patriots against Miranda—His imprisonment—Judgment of the conduct of Bolívar—Monteverde closes the port and Casas obeys him—Imprisonment of the Patriots—Passport given to Bolívar—Leaves for Curacao—Errors of Lallemand—Remission to Spain of several prisoners—Unhappy fate of Miranda and the Americans 80

CHAPTER VIII.—1812 AND 1813.

Opinion of the authority of Monteverde—Persecutions—Bolívar at Cartagena—Proclamations which he made there—He performs the Commandancia of Baranca—He takes Teneriffe by assault—He frees the Upper Magdalena—Marino at Trinidad—Coincidence—Bolívar defeats Colonel Correa and takes possession of Cucuta—The Government of New Granada confers on him the rank of Brigadier-General, and authorizes him to liberate Merida and Trujillo—Rivalties of Castillo—Insubordination and excesses of Briceño—His death—Robberies of Don Antonio Tiscar, who declares a war of extermination—Proclamation of Merida—Bolívar decrees at Trujillo a War of Extermination—Justification of this decree 94

CHAPTER IX.—1813.

Swift march of Bolívar from Trujillo to Caracas—Battles of Niquitao and Los Horcones—Bolívar at San Carlos—His triumph at Los Tagueanes—Monteverde shuts himself in Puerto Cabello—March of Bolívar to Caracas—He concedes a capitulation at La Victoria to the Commissioners of Fierro—Triumphal entry of Bolívar into Caracas—Monteverde refuses to ratify the capitulation—Manifesto of the Commissioners—Siege of Puerto Cabello—Negotiations of exchange—Death of Zuazola—Manifesto of Bolívar to the nations of the world—Expedition of Solomon—Battles of Barbula and Las Trincheras 117

CHAPTER X.

Return of Bolívar to Valencia—Letters to Hodgson—Reaction—The heart of Girardot—The people acclaim Bolívar Liberator—Institution of the "Order of Liberators of Venezuela"—Bolívar marches to Barquisimeto—Singular triumph of Ceballos—Battle of Vigirima—State of the opinion—Triumphs of Bolívar at Araure—Flag donated to the "Battalion without Name" .. 141

CHAPTER XI.—END OF THE YEAR 1818.

Reply of Bolívar in answer to the compliments directed to him for the victory of Araure—Consideration—His letter to the Congress of New Granada—Ideas of Bolívar upon the union of America to resist Europe—Conspiracy of the Spaniards against Monteverde—End of his career in Venezuela—Boves—Morales—Help solicited from Mariño by the Liberator—Brief strokes of the pen which describes some of the Eastern chiefs..... 156

CHAPTER XII.—1814.

Proceedings of the 2d of January at San Francisco de Caracas—Speeches of Bolívar, Mendoza, Rodríguez Domingues, and Alsura—Decision of this Session—Boletín de Puerto Rico..... 164

CHAPTER XIII.—1814.

Bolívar prepares to open the campaign—Tardy help of Mariño—Inhuman purpose of the Royalist chieftains—Loss of Barinas—Death of the Isleño Yañes—Calzada—Spanish guerrillas—Defeat of Campo-Elias at La Puerta—Rosete at Tuy—Victory of Ribas at La Victoria—Proclamation of Bolívar—Honors which the municipality of Caracas decree to him—His answer—Desolation caused at Ocumare by Rosete—Murder of the Spaniards at Caracas and La Guayra—Manifiesto published by Muñoz Tebar in justification of that chastisement..... 175

CHAPTER XIV.

Defence of San Mateo—Heroism of Ricaurte—Siege of Valencia—Interview of Mariño and Bolívar—Inexplicable defeat of Arac—Deputation from Caracas—Battle of Carabobo—Savage conduct of the Spaniards at San Carlos—Fatal exit of the battle of La Puerta—Cruelties of Boves at La Cabrera—Second siege of Valencia—Atrocities of Boves in this city—Bolívar abandons Caracas—Quero—Gloomy epoch of 1814..... 194

CHAPTER XV.—1814.

Numerous emigration which accompanies the Liberator to Barcelona—Sufferings—Singular idea of Bolívar—Battle of Aragna disastrous in its consequences—The Liberator proceeds to Cumana—Projects to sustain himself at Guiria—Perfidy of Bianchi—The Liberator and Mariño rescue a great part of that which Bianchi was carrying off—They return from Pampatar to Carupano—Conspiracy of Ribas and Piar—Imprisonment of Mariño—Bianchi frees him—Departure of the Liberator and Mariño for Cartagena—Manifest of Bolívar—Position of affairs in Costa-Firme—Death of Boves and Ribas. 214

CHAPTER XVI.—1814 AND 1815.

Voyage from Carupano to Cartagena—The Liberator does not delay in this city, but proceeds to Tunja to render account of his conduct to the Congress—Affectionate demonstrations of the Venezuelan soldiers—Events at Tunja—The Government charges Bolivar to reduce Santa Fé—He reduces it—Importance of this success—Discourse of the Liberator to the Congress of the Union—The Liberator takes upon himself to liberate Santa Marta—Difficulties—He embarks for Honda—Rivalry of Castillo—Unjustifiable proceeding of the authorities of Cartagena—The Liberator gives up the command of his troops and embarks for Jamaica—His farewell discourse.... 224

CHAPTER XVII.—1815.

Departure of the Liberator from Cartagena—Proclamation of Morillo—Origin and object of his expedition—Of what it was composed—His arrival at Puerto Santo—Submission of Margarita—Brave action of Bermudez—Oppressive acts of Morillo—He sets out for Cartagena—Siege of this city—Atrocities of Morales and Morillo—Despondency and natural coolness of the hopes of the Liberator..... 248

CHAPTER XVIII.—1815.

Bolivar at Jamaica—Occupations of the Liberator—His immortal letter to a gentleman of that Island—Bolivar penetrates into the future..... 254

CHAPTER XIX.—1815 AND 1816.

Project of an expedition—Difficulties to its progress at Jamaica—The Spaniards plot against the Life of Bolivar—Death of Amestoi—History of this event—Bolivar at Los Cayos—Petion—Obstacles to the expedition—Bolivar appointed to its command—He bids farewell to Petion and Marton—Gratitude to the memory of the Immortal Petion..... 267

CHAPTER XX.—1816.

Sailing of the expedition from the Cayos—Why he goes to Margarita—Bolivar convokes an assembly at Villa del Norte—He is proclaimed Supreme Chief—The Liberator announces that the "War to Death" has ceased for his part—Moxo offers Ten Thousand Dollars for the head of Bolivar and his principal followers—Arrival of the expedition at Carupano—Assembly in this town—Expedition to Ocumare—Loss at Los Aguacates—Panic at Choroni—Misconduct of Villaret—The Liberator proceeds to Bonaire, and returns to Choroni—MacGregor penetrates into the interior, and Bolivar returns to Bonaire, from whence he embarks for Guiria—Remarkable events at this Port—Excesses of Bermudez..... 278

CHAPTER XXI.—1816.

The Liberator embarks on the "Indio Libre" for Hayti—He writes to Petion, congratulating him—He projects another expedition—Obstacles which arise—Mina—Proclamation of the President of the United States—The

Liberator is recalled by Arismendi and also by the chiefs of the interior—
 He presences his departure—Letter to Dr. Gual and the Deacon Madariaga—
 The Liberator arrives at Margarita—Proclamation to the Venezuelans—He
 meditates a just and paternal administration to heal the wounds of the
 war..... 289

CHAPTER XXII.—1817.

The Liberator lands a Barcelona—Encounter at Clarines—He resists at "Casa
 Fuerte"—He is reinforced by Marino—Interview with Bermudez—Project
 of Bolivar to form a junction with Piar at Guayana—Interest of defending
 Barcelona—The Liberator leaves Freites at Barcelona and orders the march
 of the remaining forces to Angostura—Aldama attacks the "Casa Fuerte"
 —Sacrifice of Freites—Atrocities of Aldama—Conduct of Marino—Expedi-
 tion of Canterac—Prodigious constancy of Bolivar..... 296

CHAPTER XXIII.—1817.

The Liberator was not the author of the murder of the monks of Caroni—He
 crosses the Orinoco and joins Piar—Letters of Bolivar in front of Angostura
 —He issues, at San Felix, the decree upon "Councils of War"—Fears of
 anarchy—Risk of Casacoima—Wonderful daring of Antonio Dias—The
 taking of Guayana—Morillo at Margarita—Imponderable valor of the
 Margaritans—Execution of Piar—Institution of the Council of State—
 Occupations of the Liberator..... 307

CHAPTER XXIV.—1817.

Execution of Policarpa Salabarrieta..... 327

CHAPTER XXV.—1817 AND 1818.

Correct ideas of Marshal Grouchy on the cause of the Royalist victories—Labors
 of Bolivar to create the republican opinion—In this he has no example in
 history—Paez—Bolivar leaves Angostura—Defeat of Zaraza at La Hogaza
 —The Liberator returns to Angostura—He forms a new army and reas-
 cends the Orinoco—His interview with Paez at Caujaral—He proceeds to
 San Fernando—Well-founded hopes at the beginning of the year 1818... 329

CHAPTER XXVI.—1818.

Torrente a bad Judge to judge the acts of the Liberator—Memorable event of
 Apure—Surprise of Morillo at Calabozo—Proclamation of Bolivar at Som-
 brero and the Consejo—The Liberator intends to fight Latorre and occupy
 Caracas—Unforeseen misfortunes which impede him—Battle of Quebrada
 de Semen..... 336

CHAPTER XXVII.—1818 AND 1819.

Battle of Ortiz—Surprise of Ricon de Los Toros—Imminent risk of Bolivar—
 He falls sick at Apure—March to Angostura—Misfortunes of the patriots
 —Labors of the Liberator at the capital—Expedition against New Granada.

— Thought of assembling a Congress at Guayana — Manifest of Bolivar —
 March to Maturin — Defeat of Mariño — Bolivar returns to Angostura —
 Famous decree of the 30th of November — The Liberator goes to the Apure —
 Respect and submission of Paes — He re-establishes order and descends the
 Orinoco to Angostura..... 343

CHAPTER XXVIII.—1819.

Formation of the Congress of Angostura — Its installment — Remarkable dis-
 course of the Liberator — Surrender of his rank as General — Confirmation of
 the military ranks — Discourse of the Sr. Zea — Administrative organization
 — Labors of the Congress — Letter of Colonel Hamilton to the Duke of Sus-
 sex — Bolivar sets out for the Apure — Judgment upon the political ideas of
 the Liberator..... 357

CHAPTER XXIX.—1819.

Rapid trip of the Liberator from Angostura to the Arauca — System of war
 adopted on the Plains — Queceras del Medio — Project of an expedition
 against Barinas — Arrival of Colonel Lara — News from New Granada — Bol-
 var undertakes to liberate those regions — Difficult journey — Combat of
 Gameza, Bonza and Vargas — Battle of Boyaca — Occupations of the Libera-
 tor at Santa Fé — Considerations..... 384

CHAPTER XXX.—1819.

Endeavors of many to attribute to themselves the thought of the Liberator —
 Events in relation with the Battle of Boyaca — Voyage of the Liberator to
 Venezuela — Occurrences in Guayana — Death of Ancoategui — Execution of
 Barreiro and other officers — Bolivar in the Congress of Angostura — Inter-
 view with Montilla — Creation of Colombia..... 398