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**1728-1804**

French chemist who played an important role in the development of the chemical process industries in France. In 1752 he opened a pharmacy and chemical dispensary. His dispensary manufactured drugs in large quantities and distributed them in bulk to pharmacies and hospitals. Baumé also designed and built various instruments including an improved areometer. His production facilities supplied industrial and laboratory apparatus. Baumé remained committed to the phlogiston theory throughout his life.