

Daniel

Corvette
Massachusetts Privateer Ship

Commander Benjamin Bickford

-[March] 1782

Commissioned/First Date:

1782

Out of Service/Cause:

[March] 1782/captured by the British (recaptured)

Owners:

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported:

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

Total:

Broadside:

Swivels:

Crew:

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Benjamin Bickford commanded the Massachusetts Privateer Ship *Daniel*, formerly known as the *Salem Packet*.¹ On a voyage home from Bilboa, Spain, she was captured by the British. She was then recaptured² in the West Indies³ by the Massachusetts Privateer Ship *Mohawk* (Commander Elias Smith).⁴ Both vessels arrived in Salem in April 1782.⁵

On 18 April 1782 the *Salem Gazette* reported that the ship *Daniel* (Benjamin Bickford) had arrived at Beverly on 16 April, having sailed from Martinique, French West Indies on 24 March 1782. *Daniel* had formerly been the *Salem Packet* until she was captured by the British en route home from Bilboa, Spain.

She had been captured in the West Indies by the *Mohawk*. On 22 April the *Boston Gazette* reported that the *Mohawk* had arrived at Beverly from the West Indies on 13 April.⁶

[Could be the *Diana*. Could be Bickford picked up in Bilbao. Confusing]

¹ Claghorn, *Naval Officers of the American Revolution*, 23

² Claghorn, *Naval Officers of the American Revolution*, 24

³ Claghorn, *Naval Officers of the American Revolution*, 285

⁴ NRAR, 394

⁵ Claghorn, *Naval Officers of the American Revolution*, 24

⁶ Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 223