

# Deane

Frigate  
Connecticut Privateer Ship

Commander Elisha Hinman  
6 June 1780-9 December 1780

Commissioned/First Date: 6 June 1780  
Out of Service/Cause: 9 December 1780/transferred to Massachusetts commission

Owners: Thomas Mumford & Co. of Connecticut

Tonnage:

Battery: Date Reported: 6 June 1780  
Number/Caliber Weight Broadside  
30/  
Total: 30 cannon/  
Broadside: 15 cannon/  
Swivels:

Crew: 6 June 1780: 211 [total]

Description:

Officers: (1) First Lieutenant Rhodes Arnold, 6 June 1780-; (2) Second Lieutenant Frederick Chappell, 6 June 1780-; (3) Third Lieutenant Luther Elderkin, 6 June 1780-; (4) Master John Raymond, 6 June 1780-

Cruises:

Prizes: (1) Brig [unknown], [July] 1780

Actions:

Comments: Connecticut Privateer Ship *Deane* was the former French ship *Le Jonathas* (Pierre Patol), which was sold to Thomas Mumford & Co. of New London, Connecticut. The intent was to fit her out as a large privateer. Robert Morris of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was a part owner with the Mumfords.<sup>1</sup>

By 24 April 1780 the *Deane* was advertised as fitting out; to be ready to sail against the enemy by May. Her officers were listed as Commander Elisha Hinman, First Lieutenant Rhodes Arnold, Second Lieutenant Frederick Chappell, Third Lieutenant Luther Elderkin, and Master John Raymond.<sup>2</sup>

*Deane* was commissioned on 6 June 1780 under Commander Elisha Hinman of New London. She was listed as being armed with thirty guns and having a crew of 210 men. *Deane*'s \$20000 bond was signed by Hinman and by David Mumford of New London and Thomas Mumford of Groton, Connecticut.<sup>3</sup>

Hinman was at sea in July and August 1780. On 25 August it was reported that Hinman had captured and sent into Boston, Massachusetts a British brig bound from Guernsey, Channel Islands, to New York, New York, with a cargo of brandy and

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<sup>1</sup> Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, II, 67

<sup>2</sup> Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, II, 66

<sup>3</sup> NRAR, 263; Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, II, 66

liquor.<sup>4</sup>

*Deane's* next commission, again under Hinman, was issued on 9 December 1780, by Massachusetts. [See Massachusetts Privateer Ship *Deane*]

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<sup>4</sup> Middlebrook, *Maritime Connecticut During The Revolution*, II, 66