

# Delaware

Corvette

Pennsylvania Privateer Ship

Commissioned/First Date:

Out of Service/Cause:

Commander John Prole

20 February 1781-

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Owners:

Samuel Inglis and George Ord & Co., both of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 20 February 1781

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

8/

Total: 8 cannon/

Broadside: 4 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

20 February 1781: 32 [total]

Description:

Officers:

(1) First Mate Richard Eyres, 20 February 1781-

Cruises:

Prizes:

(1) Brigantine *True Briton* (James Dennison), [December] 1781

Actions:

Comments:

Pennsylvania Privateer Ship *Delaware* was commissioned on 20 February 1781 under Commander John Prole of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Richard Eyres of Philadelphia served aboard as First Mate. She was listed as having a battery of eight guns and a crew of thirty men. *Delaware's* \$20000 bond was signed by Samuel Inglis and George Ord, both of Philadelphia.<sup>1</sup>

*Delaware* captured the 160<sup>2</sup> or 200-ton brigantine *True Briton* (James Dennison) about December 1781. She was sent into Providence, Rhode Island and libeled there on 29 December. Her trial was set for 14 January 1782.<sup>3</sup> She was advertised for sale on 21 January in the Boston papers. Here *True Briton* is described as built in the west of England about 1779. The sale was to be held on 24 January.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> NRAR, 265

<sup>2</sup> *The Boston Gazette, and The Country Journal*, Monday, January 21, 1782

<sup>3</sup> *The Providence Gazette and Country Journal*, Saturday, December 29, 1781

<sup>4</sup> *The Boston Gazette, and The Country Journal*, Monday, January 21, 1782