

Diamond

Corvette
Massachusetts Privateer Ship

Commander Zebulon Babson
29 December 1781-

Commissioned/First Date: 29 December 1781
Out of Service/Cause:

Owners: John Babson of Newburyport, Massachusetts

Tonnage:
Battery:

Date Reported: 29 December 1781
Number/Caliber Weight Broadside
16/
Total: 16 cannon/
Broadside: 8 cannon/
Swivels:

Crew: 29 December 1781: 46 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes: (1) Brigantine *British Queen* (Robert Scott), [December] 1782

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Ship *Diamond* was commissioned on 29 December 1781 under Commander Zebulon Babson of Newburyport, Massachusetts. She was listed as having a battery of sixteen guns and a crew of forty-five men. *Diamond's* \$20000 bond was signed by Babson and by John Babson and Joseph Tyler, both of Newburyport.¹

About December 1782 *Diamond* captured the 100-ton brigantine *British Queen* (Robert Scott). The prize was libelled in the Maritime Court of the Middle District of Massachusetts on 23 December 1782, with her trial date set for 7 January 1783. In the published list of libels Babson is referred to as "Solomon" Babson.²

¹ NRAR, 267; Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 112

² *The Boston Gazette and the Country Journal*, Monday, December 23, 1782; repeated December 30, 1782