

# Discovery

Frigate  
Massachusetts Privateer Ship

Commander Francis Brown  
2 March 1781-

Commissioned/First Date:  
Out of Service/Cause:

2 March 1781

Owners:

James Jarvis & Co. of Boston, Massachusetts

Tonnage:  
Battery:

Date Reported: 2 March 1781  
Number/Caliber Weight Broadside  
20/  
Total: 20 cannon/  
Broadside: 10 cannon/  
Swivels:

Crew:

2 March 1781: 81 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Ship *Discovery* was commissioned on 2 March 1781 under Commander Francis Brown of New Haven, Connecticut. She was listed as having a battery of twenty guns and a crew of eighty men. *Discovery's* \$20000 bond was signed by Brown and by Jeremiah Platt of Hartford, Connecticut and James Jarvis of Boston, Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> NRAR, 269; Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 114