

Dispatch

Corvette

Massachusetts Privateer Brigantine

Commander James Thompson

26 July 1780-

Commissioned/First Date:

26 July 1780

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

James Swan et al of Boston, Massachusetts

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 26 July 1780

<u>Number/Caliber</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Broadside</u>
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14/

Total: 14 cannon/

Broadside: 7 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

26 July 1780: 31 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Brigantine *Dispatch* was commissioned on 26 July 1780 under Commander James Thompson of Boston, Massachusetts. She was listed as having a battery of fourteen guns and a crew of thirty men. *Dispatch's* \$10000 Continental and £4000 Massachusetts bonds were signed by Thompson and by Thomas Adams and James Swan, both of Boston. Her name is spelled *Despatch* in the petition and bonds.¹

¹ Allen, *Massachusetts Privateers of the Revolution*, 115