

Dispatch

Corvette
Massachusetts Privateer Sloop

Commander Silvanus Coleman

20 August 1779-

Commissioned/First Date:

20 August 1779

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

Benjamin Blyth of Salem, Massachusetts

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 20 August 1779

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

2/

Total: 2 cannon/

Broadside: 1 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

20 August 1779: 13 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Massachusetts Privateer Sloop *Dispatch* was commissioned on 20 August 1779 under Commander Silvanus Coleman of Salem, Massachusetts. She was listed as having a battery of two guns and a crew of twelve men. *Dispatch's* \$5000 Continental and £4000 Massachusetts bonds were signed by Coleman and by Benjamin Blyth and John Coles, both of Salem. Her name is spelled *Despatch* in the petition and bonds.¹

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