

# Don Francisco

Corvette

Pennsylvania Privateer Brigantine

(1) Commander John Gifford

24 March 1781-

(2) Commander Hugh Willson

27 October 1781-

Commissioned/First Date:

24 March 1781

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

(1) Stewart & Totten, and Samuel C. Morris & Co., all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; (2) Stewart & Tooten, and Blair McClenachan et al of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Tonnage:

Battery:

Date Reported: 24 March 1781

<u>Number/Caliber</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Broadside</u>
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8/

Total: 8 cannon/

Broadside: 4 cannon/

Swivels:

Date Reported: 27 October 1781

<u>Number/Caliber</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Broadside</u>
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8/

Total: 8 cannon/

Broadside: 4 cannon/

Swivels:

Crew:

(1) 24 March 1781: 27 [total]

(2) 27 October 1781: 27 [total]

Description:

Officers:

(1) First Mate Hugh Willson, 24 March 1781-27 October 1781; (2) First Mate James Gwin, 27 October 1781-

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Pennsylvania Privateer Brigantine *Don Francisco* was commissioned on 24 March 1781 under Commander John Gifford of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Hugh Willson (or Wilson) of Philadelphia served aboard as First Mate. She was listed as having a battery of eight guns and a crew of twenty-five men. *Don Francisco's* \$20000 bond was signed by Alexander Stewart and Thomas Morris, both of Philadelphia. *Don Francisco* was recommissioned on 27 October 1781, with Willson promoted to commander. James Gwin of Philadelphia was the new First Mate. Her battery and crew were unchanged. The new \$20000 bond was executed by Willson and Stewart.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> NRAR, 275