

Dorchester

Corvette

Maryland Privateer Schooner

(1) Commander Solomon Frazier

26 October 1778-

(2) Commander James Frazier

24 June 1780-

Commissioned/First Date:

26 October 1778

Out of Service/Cause:

Owners:

(1) James Byus, Arthur Wheatley, and William Thomas & Co., all of Dorchester County, Maryland; (2) Robertson Stevens et al of Dorchester County, Maryland

Tonnage:

45

Battery:

Date Reported: 26 October 1778

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

1/

Total: 1 cannon/

Broadside: 1 cannon/

Swivels: [two howitzers]

Date Reported: 24 June 1780

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

4/

Total: 4 cannon/

Broadside: 2 cannon/

Swivels: two

Crew:

(1) 26 October 1778: 11 [total]

(2) 24 June 1780: 11 [total]

Description:

Officers:

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: Maryland Privateer Schooner *Dorchester* was commissioned on 26 October 1778 under Commander Solomon Frazier¹ of Dorchester County, Maryland.² She was listed as having a battery of one gun, with two howitzers, and a crew of ten men. Her owners are listed as James Byus, Arthur Wheatly, and William Thomas & Co. of Dorchester County.³ *Dorchester's* \$5000 bond was signed by Frazier and by James Byus.⁴

¹ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, April 1, 1778 through October 26, 1779*, 21:224

² NRAR, 276

³ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, April 1, 1778 through October 26, 1779*, 21:224

⁴ NRAR, 276

Dorchester was recommissioned on 24 June 1780 under Commander James Frazier⁵ of Dorchester County.⁶ Her battery was increased to four guns, with two swivel guns, and her crew was listed as ten men. She was said to measure 45 tons. Her owners are given as Robertson Stevens and others of Dorchester County, Maryland.⁷ Her new \$20000 bond was executed by Frazier and by Robertson Stevens of Dorchester County.⁸

⁵ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, 1779-1780*, 43:203

⁶ NRAR, 276

⁷ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, 1779-1780*, 43:203

⁸ NRAR, 276