

Duke of Leinster

Corvette

Maryland Privateer Brigantine [Brig]

(1) Commander William Taylor

8 August 1780-

(2) Commander Robert Caulfield

20 January 1781-May 1781

Commissioned/First Date:

8 August 1780

Out of Service/Cause:

May 1781/captured by the British

Owners:

William Neill & Co., of Baltimore, Maryland

Tonnage:

100, 130

Battery:

Date Reported: 8 August 1780

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

16/

Total: 16 cannon/

Broadside: 8 cannon/

Swivels: two

Date Reported: 20 January 1781

Number/Caliber Weight Broadside

16/

Total: 16 cannon/

Broadside: 8 cannon/

Swivels: four

Crew:

(1) 8 August 1780: 61 [total]

(2) 20 January 1781: 47 [total]

Description:

Officers:

(1) First Mate James Sackett, 20 January 1781-May 1781

Cruises:

Prizes:

Actions:

Comments: The 100-ton Maryland Privateer Brigantine *Duke of Leinster* was commissioned on 8 August 1780 under Commander William Taylor¹ of Baltimore, Maryland.² She was listed as having a battery of sixteen guns, with two swivel guns, and as having a crew of sixty men. Her owner is listed as William Neill of Baltimore.³ Her \$20000 bond was signed by Taylor and by John Muir of Annapolis, Maryland.⁴

¹ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, 1779-1780*, 43:249

² NRAR, 278

³ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, 1779-1780*, 43:249

⁴ NRAR, 278

Duke of Leinster (here called the *Duke of Lemster*) was re-commissioned on 20 January 1781 under Commander Robert Caulfield⁵ of Baltimore. James Sackett, possibly of Baltimore, served aboard as First Mate.⁶ She was now listed as a 130-ton brig. Her battery was given as sixteen guns, with four swivel guns, and her crew as forty-five men. Her owners are listed as William Neill & Co. of Baltimore.⁷ The new \$20000 bond was signed by Caulfield and by William Neill of Baltimore.⁸ In May 1781 the *Duke of Leinster* was captured by the British.⁹

⁵ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, 1781-1784*, 45:283

⁶ NRAR, 278

⁷ *Archives of Maryland: Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Maryland, 1781-1784*, 45:283

⁸ NRAR, 278

⁹ Claghorn, *Naval Officers of the American Revolution*, 52