

Ship Cyrus at Portsmouth 1804

- Sunday July 22** *Stiff Westerly winds and equally weather. Laying still at the Mother Bank waiting for a Convey the wind so strong to day as to prevent my passing to and from Portsmouth*
- Monday July 23** *Brisk winds at NW and fair weather. Employ'd on board at sundry light jobs at 10 forenoon I landed at Portsmouth and found that the Ophion, Frigate will sail soon with Convey for New foundland & Quebec. Latter part sighted our anchor found it clear and let it go again in the same place as before supplied the Ship with fresh Beef, Vegetables &c &c &c.*
- Tuesday 24** *Wind variable between the South & West with Rain. Lower the sails and aired them this day I Rec'd Licence for to sail in Convey the Sally and Caledonia but it being too late as they sailed on y^e 21st*
- Wednesday July 25** *Brisk Westerly winds and equally W^{ch} myself on shore Rec'd Permission from W^{ch} or Master to sail in the first Convey to the Westward furnished the Ship with two Bolls of Duck N^o 6 one of 39 1/2 yards, the other of 41 yards and 24 chains of fine sewing twine*
- Thursday 26** *Commenced Brisk Westerly winds and fair W^{ch} Laying at the Mother Bank waiting for a Convey & went on shore at Portsmouth and got a sparrow for a fiddler. Plank for Gunwales, Beef & Vegetables for Ships use &c &c*
- Friday July 27** *Strong Gales at NW & fast W^{ch} with Rain. I myself on shore, bought a pair of Pistols & brought them on board. Employ'd at making ready for Sea with our Guns &c and preparing the Muzzling Apply for Instructions on board the Ophion Ship*

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- Saturday July 28** *Strong Westerly & equally W^{ch} People Employ'd at fitting the Gunpowder and fitting the Guns in complete order for use. Bought some more Cattle for Ships Stock and took it on board took on board a quantity of Beef & Vegetables*
- Sunday 29** *Moderate Westerly winds and fair W^{ch} Received Instructions on board of the Ophion Frigate with intention to join her Convey Westward bound and to sail the first of the next month. On the first part of the day W^{ch} Gordon who shipped himself on board as expected at London and Rec'd Licence as per Article has proved to be badly Ruptured and unable to proceed the voyage and has gone on shore leaving his wife &c until he sends the money on board which was advanced at Government deducting his River pay which was six days. Before he goes the ship began her voyage*
- Monday July 30** *Winds variable between N. W. & South. as to detain us here still. took on board another BOLL of Duck Shipped the Fore & Main Top sails got the new Top sails done this day I engaged a Carpenter but finding him to be a bad Character Disengaged him immediately & he went*
- Tuesday July 31** *Pleasant weather wind at NW & West Shipper's method Carpenter advanced him two pounds, seven shillings, for him to come on board of the Cyrus immediately. Employ'd as necessary on board stuffed the Sails, put on new shills, and, sending other necessary jobs, the Carpenter did not come as expected*
- Wednesday August 1** *Moderate variable winds and fair W^{ch} Employ'd on board at fitting in order for Sea. this day I try'd for a Carpenter but could not get any. Several Sail came in from the Downs to join the Convey Outward Bound*