

of the militia was under Genl Spencer. About fifty were sent from Duxbury. He was permitted to join the company of militia on this expedition, under Lt Elisha Baker, who said: "Delano would have gone on to the island with the picket guard to reconnoitre the British lines every night if he had been allowed."

This campaign lasted a few months. Young Delano returned home in the autumn but his ardor for military life and adventures had not abated. The winter, it is believed, he passed in attending a private school, but in the following summer being fifteen, he served a few months in the militia under Genl Heath & belonged to the guard of the British army, captured at Saratoga, at Prospect Hill, Cambridge.

In the summer of 1779 with several other young men he went to Boston and entered on board of the privateer "Mars," sailed one cruise, which continued till the spring. Here it is said he suffered such hardship as to lose his health. After his return he remained until well again. 1781 he entered on board a merchantman the "Russel" belonging to Messrs R & J Leach of Salem Mass. He made a voyage to Cape Francois, West Indies. He returned fall of 1781 & winter of 1782 sailed from Boston to the West Indies in a schooner belonging to deacon Williams with other vessels under convoy of the "Flora and Caesar," private armed ships of the U. S. The weather was so boisterous they separated from the convoy, and were taken by the "Chatham," a British ship, 50 guns. The Schooner had a set of "English papers," on sight of which she was freed. This was not an uncommon practice in that day. On returning he continued at home and labored with his father ship building. "They built the Brig 'Peacock,' this year 1782 for E Parsons Esq of Boston, and in this vessel he afterwards sailed to Martinico and Porto Rico in the West Indies to Virginia, to Bilboa in Spain." He continued to sail in different vessels, his brothers Samuel Jr & William with him. Was in the Merchant Marine Service until 1798 cast away on Cape Cod Dec 28-1798, & loosing everything he retired and settled down married a widow and wrote his book of voyages. This book is not only unique but well and clearly written, all who can are advised to read it)