

1793

Returns to London to ask the Admiralty for a ship. Appointed a flag captain to rear Admiral George Bowyer. It is a 92 gun ship 'Prince'. A second daughter 'Mary Patience', is born.

1794

Britain at war with France. Transfers to the 98 gun ship 'Barfleur'. Takes part in the battle called 'The Glorious First of June'. The French are defeated.

1795

Takes command of the 74 gunship 'Excellent'. Sails into the Mediterranean to attack French shipping.

1797

Britain at war with Spain and France. Takes part in the battle of Cape St Vincent. The Spanish navy is defeated. Receives a gold medal.

1799

Returns to Morpeth. Promoted Rear Admiral of the White. Admiral was the most important officer. A rear admiral of the white was the lowest post of Admiral.

1799

Back at sea. He blockades the French ships so that they cannot leave their port without fighting the British navy.