

Edinburgh May 16<sup>th</sup> - 1816

This is to certify that Captain Thomas Godolphin Bond was, on, or about the Month of October 1779, blown up, by an Explosion of Gun Powder, on board the Pilote cutter, a Prize to His Majesty's Ship Crescent, where he was ordered on duty, and that he was then most dreadfully scorched and Wounded, with a Master's Mate, & Surgeon's Mate also, of the said Ship, both of whom Died in consequence of their wounds ~~and~~ sufferings, that he recovered, but was for years an object of great misery, and when I last saw Captain Bond, his Fingers then continued contracted from the effects of the Gun Powder, as well as his Face Lacerated most dreadfully -

That I was at the above period a Midshipman, & a Messmate of Captain Bond's, on board the said Crescent, and I am ready to swear to the above, if required

Given under my hand at  
Edinburgh May 16<sup>th</sup> - 1816

A true Copy of a letter or Certificate Wm. Johnstone Hope  
from Rear Adm. W. Johnstone Hope,  
dated Edinburgh 16 May 1816 to  
J. G. Bond.

Thos. Snow

Rear Admiral