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CHANNEL ISLANDS

Guernsey

- **Forrest**

Petit Bôt Tower, Forest, Guernsey, GY8 0BP

One of 15 '[loophole towers](#)' constructed in 1778-79 by order of the Governor of Jersey, [General Henry Seymour Conway](#). Twelve survive, of which this is one of two open to the public.

- **St Peter Port**

Town Church, Church Square, St Peter Port, Guernsey, GY1 2LD

Saumarez Monuments. Monument by Edward Baily to [General Sir Thomas Saumarez](#) (1760-1845), who served with the [23rd Foot](#) in North America and was captured at [Yorktown](#). Later CinC, New Brunswick, 1813. [Wall Monument](#) to his brother [Admiral James, Lord de Saumarez](#) (1757-1836), who served at [Sullivan's Island](#) (1776), [Dogger Bank](#) (1781), and [the Saintes](#) (1782) as well as at [St Vincent](#) (1797) and [the Nile](#) (1798), where he was Nelson's second-in-command. CinC, Baltic, 1808-13, CinC, Plymouth (1824-27). The latter is buried in the family vault in [Castel Cemetery](#), Rue du Presbytère, St Peter Port. An obelisk (1877) honouring him in Delancey Park, Rue des Monts, St Sampsons was destroyed by the Germans in 1943 to clear the field of fire of one of their batteries but there are long-standing plans to replace it. The original [plaques](#) from the obelisk are preserved at Castle Cornet.

[Memorial](#) to [Major General John Small](#) (1726-96), [84th Foot \(Royal Highland Immigrants\)](#), who is featured prominently in [John Trumbull](#)'s painting, '[The Death of General Warren at Bunker Hill](#)'. Later Lt. Governor of Guernsey 1793-96.

- **Vale**

Rousse Tower and Battery, Rousse Headland, Vale, Guernsey, GY6 8JW

The second of the surviving [Conway Towers](#) open to the public.

Jersey

- **Grouville**

Parish Churchyard, Grouville, Jersey, JE3 9GA

[Memorial stone monument](#) commemorating eight grenadiers of the [83rd Foot](#) killed in [defence of Jersey](#), 6 January 1781: Lt. James Robertson, John Hunter, William McCulloch, James Reid, Alexander McKechney, Alexander Glinn, Robert Walker, and John Wilson.

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- **La Rocque, Jersey, JE3 8BQ**

[Plaque](#) commemorating where the French force of some 800 men landed on 6 January 1781.

- **St Clement**

[Le Hocq Tower](#), La Grande Route de la Côte, Jersey, JE2 6LF

One of 30 '[Conway's Towers](#)' constructed in 1778-79 by order of the Governor of the Island, General [Henry Seymour Conway](#). Many were subsequently used by German occupying forces in the Second World War and are now private residences or holiday accommodation. Le Hocq is in the care of Jersey Heritage and houses a display on island defences.

- **St Helier**

Royal Square, St Helier, Jersey, JE2 4WD

[Pavement slab](#) marking the location of the [Battle of Jersey, 6 January 1781](#); and [plaque](#) on the Peirson Public House close to spot where [Francis Peirson](#) was killed and within which the French commander, [Baron de Rullecourt](#) died of his wounds.

See also Jersey: Grouville.

Westmount Road, St Helier, Jersey, JE2 3LR

[Roadside wall plaque](#) marking location where [Major Peirson](#) assembled his troops, [6 January 1781](#).

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La Chasse and Regent Road, St Helier, JE2 4UE.

[Plaque](#) to Edward Combs, who warned the Lieutenant-Governor, [Major Moses Corbet](#), that the French raiders had reached the town early in the morning of 6 January 1781. As it happened, Corbet had already been seized by the French

Mulcaster Street, St Helier, JE2 3NJ.

[Plaque](#) for Captain F C Mulcaster, Royal Engineers, who refused to surrender Elizabeth Castle on 6 January 1781 after the Lieutenant-Governor, [Corbet](#), had been compelled to sign a request that the castle surrender.

Parish Church, Church Street, St Helier, Jersey, JE2 3NN

[Marble tablet](#) to [Major Francis Pierson](#) killed in the [Battle of Jersey, 6 January 1781](#); additional plaque to P. C. Macquart, who was also killed. The French commander, [Baron de Rullecourt](#) is buried in the [graveyard](#).

See also Jersey: Grouville.

General Hospital, The Parade, St Helier, JE1 3QS

[Plaque](#) to the 78th (Highlanders) Regiment, who were billeted there.

- **St Lawrence, Jersey**

[Roadside memorial stone](#) (2011) to two men of the St Lawrence Militia Battalion killed in [defence of Jersey](#), 6 January 1781 – Philippe Cabot and Jean Le Gros.

See also Jersey: Grouville, and Jersey: St Helier.

- **St Peter**

**St Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, Rue Bechervaise, St Peter, Jersey,
JE3 7EW**

Plaque to Mathieu de Gruchy, killed on [6 January 1781](#).

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