

Burgeon to Nelson:

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1795 Nelson suffered his first wound, to his eye, in Corsica, & treated by Michael Jefferson, second mate, "surgeon attending on shore", who became a favourite of Nelson.

1797 Nelson lost arm at Tenerife, ineffectually treated by other doctors, called in Jefferson. Stump healed rapidly.

Nelson took Jefferson with him to Battle of the Nile, on board Vanguard, & was treated by him for wound over right eye.

1802/3 Jefferson at Malta Hospital, where he seems to have gone to pieces; Nelson writes in 1809 "he must now begin again and act with much more attention and sobriety..."



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