1700s:

The period is characterised by wars between England with the French, Dutch, Spanish and other nations, often fought out at sea. Privateering and 'free trading' thrives and form the base of many Guernsey fortunes.

1707
Act of Union between England and Scotland to form the Kingdom of Great Britain

1713
113 Guernsey privateers are in operation

1743
The Town Hospital is founded to support the poor and the needy

1787
John Wesley preaches in Guernsey

1789
The French Revolution begins

1787
The Duke of Richmond commissions a survey and map of Guernsey

1799
James Saumarez is second-in-command at the Battle of the Nile

1701-14
War of the Spanish Succession - England (Britain) at war with France and others

1740
Philip Saumarez joins Admiral Anson's voyage round the world.

1756-1763
Seven Years' War - Britain at war with France

1775
American colonies rebel against Britain in 1775

1780
Fort George is built to replace Castle Cornet as base for the English Garrison

1793
James Saumarez leads a squadron of ships to safety off the west coast when threatened by a more powerful French fleet

1799
Russian Troops are billeted at the Vale Castle

1799
Napoleon Bonaparte becomes Consul of France