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Just curious as to what flags a privateer during the GAoP would be allowed to fly? Could an English private man of war fly the Union Jack? What if they were from the colonies?

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I think there's a long thread about this somewhere here...

Short answer: all "British" privateers, including colonial, were entitled to fly a red ensign with a Union Jack in the upper-staff corner (or, prior to 1707, a St. George's cross in the corner). They could also fly a variety of other flags of their own choosing, but were prohibited from flying the Union flag itself, which was reserved for ships of the Royal Navy.

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Thankee Foxe!