

Appendix 11.4: Ship Collisions at the Whampoa Anchorage

No	Date & Co.	Description	Source
1	1746.08.12 EIC-DAC	'This morning the <i>Augusta</i> was heaving down by one of the Dane Ships when they got the second course out the mainmast sprung just at the end of the chuks which obligd them to rightship'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/293G <i>Walpole</i>
2	1751.09.29 EIC-VOC	'At 9 AM a Dutch ship that lay just above us, unmooring upon the Ebb, taking their Ebb anchor up and not having a proper warp to steady the ship, drove athwart our hawse, by which accident she broke our Larbourd Bumphkin, Rail of the Head and our bb [Best Bower] Cable close to the Ring of the Anchor, upon which cutt away our sheet anchor, which brought us up upon the Flood hove up the sheet anchor, and moor'd with the Stream Anchor, and Cable, not being able to sweep for our Bower anchor, the Dutch ship laying over it'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/235- <i>I Cæsar</i>
3	1753.12.17 EIC-EIC	'AM Dropt down the <i>Edgbaston & Suffolk</i> the latter came on board of [crashed into] us & carried away our Driver Boom and her own Jibb boom'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/572B <i>Boscawen</i>
4	1754.10.14 VOC-EIC	'drop'd down below 2 Dutch ships one of which fell thwart our Hause but did us no further damage, then carrying away our jack staff'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/590A <i>Princess Augusta</i>
5	1755.08.24 Prussian-EIC	'At 1/2 past 11 AM parted the Ebb junk swang a board one of the Prusian ships but did no other damage than carring away one of her Quarter Lanthernes Carrd out the sheet Anchor & small B[ower]. Cable & moor'd ship again'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/571B <i>Warren</i>
6	1760.10.30 EIC-VOC	In the night, the stern of the EIC ship <i>Oxford</i> swung into the VOC ship <i>Velzen</i> and caused some damage to the rigging on the latter vessel, of which the English captain was notified.	NAH: VOC 4384 letter dated 1760.10.31
7	1765.08.29 VOC-EIC	'PM the Dutch ship that came in on Tuesday last in shifting her birth got a ground on flat a little above us she lying a thwart the Tide made a very great Eddy, causes our ship to seer about very much & run our Kedge Anchor out toward French Island to stedly the ship'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/237H <i>York</i>
8	1765.11.16 VOC-EIC	'PM a Dutch ship in warping down run a ground within us, at 4 AM when they hove her off, she swing athwart our Hawse, and hung on our Sm. Br. [Small Bower] Cable, veerd away and cleard her without accident, hove in to the mooring service'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/8A <i>Thames</i>
9	1766.08.22 VOC-EIC	'AM arrived here a French & a Dutch ship the latter of w ^{ch} in bringing up fell foul of us & hooked our sheet anch[or]. in her Quart[er]. Gallery, Finding we drove up were obliged to unbend the Cable, hang the Anch[or]. to her st[e]rn & let her take it w th her before w ^{ch} time bro ^t [brought] the Sm. B ^r [Small Bower] home, In the Afternoon moored ship as before, bent the stream cable	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/562E <i>Duke of Cumberland</i>

		to the stream stream [<i>sic</i>] anchor whilst the abovementiond ship was foul of us, she broke the knee which supportd our catthead’.	
10	1767.10.09 VOC-EIC	‘at 6 PM a Dutch ship in dropping down fell athwart our Hawse and carried away the Jibb Boom’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/141D <i>Northumberland</i>
11	1769.08.03 EIC-DAC	‘Winds variable with squalls & rain in Tending fell foul of a Dane got a Kedge anchor & Hawsver out & hove clear at slack water’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/287D <i>Nottingham</i>
12	1771.11.17 VOC-EIC	‘a Dutch ship warping down brock [broke] her warp fell on board [crashed into] us & carried away our main top mast steering sail booms iron fm [from] ye yard arm w. [which] was lost overboard’	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/531D <i>Cruttenden</i>
13	1776.11.23 DAC-EIC	‘PM the Dane who had given us a foul Birth Weighed & went higher up’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/499C <i>Granby</i>
14	1783.10.11 Imperial-EIC	‘Anchord here two Dutch ships under Imperial colours one of them fell athwart Hawse and carried away our Bumpkin’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/237N <i>York</i>
15	1783.10.12 Imperial-EIC	‘at 11 PM the <i>Prince Kaunitz</i> (Imperial Ship) parted and came athwart our hawse at 3 AM she got clear of us’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/476D <i>Royal Henry</i>
16	1783.12.17 Imperial-EIC	‘In running up, pass’d one of the Imperial Ships, I requested him to put his Helm a starboard. But by a mistake of the man that went to the wheel, he put it a port. & the ship immediately sheer’d over upon us so that the boom iron of our nr. yd. [near? yard] caught her Fore Top Mast stay & carried away the mast & unfortunately kill’d a man’	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/293N <i>Walpole</i>
17	1787.10.24 EIC-EIC	‘at 2 AM in swinging clear of the <i>Foulis</i> , she carried away our Jibb Boom—got out another in the day’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/512A <i>Admiral Barrington</i>
18	1787.12.21 EIC-EIC	‘Arrived here the Hon ^{ble} Company's ship <i>Glatton</i> from Madras. At 9 PM she dropt foul of us & carried away our Jibb Boom’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/512A <i>Admiral Barrington</i>
19	1788.10.18 EIC-EIC	‘at 11 PM the <i>Enterprize</i> fell on board us carried away the Ensign staff, & broke most of the cabin windows’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/511A <i>Sir Edward Hughes</i>
20	1788.08.27 Country-EIC	‘AM the <i>Henry</i> Country ship Capt. Galloway, in warping up the River, took a shear broke his warps & fell athwart hawse, carried away our Larboard Bumkin & damaged our lutwater’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/410D <i>Earl Talbot</i>
21	1788.11.24 EIC-EIC	‘the <i>Dutton</i> swung foul of us & Carried away our Ensign Staff’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/444D <i>Bellmont</i>
22	1788.11.26 EIC-EIC	‘ <i>Dutton</i> swung foul of us and Carried away some of the Balcony Railing’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/444D <i>Bellmont</i>
23	1789.11.17 EIC-EIC	‘the <i>Middlesex</i> Capt. Rogers, in warpping down the River, fell athwart our Hawse, bro[ugh] ^t home our anchor & obliged us to slip our cable, and parted the other in	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/91C <i>Fort William</i>

		bringing up; He not letting go a Prope[r] Anch[or]. to stop his ship, at length getting clear of him, let go the sheat anchor, & stedy'd the ship with a Kedge [anchor]'.	
24	1790.09.08 EIC-EIC	'during the night the <i>General Meadows</i> swung foul of us & carried away our driver Boom & two stern Lanthorns'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/420D <i>Barwell</i>
25	1790.01.04 EIC-SOIC	'we unfortunately hool'd her [a Swedish snow/ship] yards, by which accident, we carried away our Jibb Boom and Larboard Fore Yard Arm, about a foot within the Rigging, at the same time the Snow, lost her fore and main yards, & fore top sail Yard'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/409B <i>Earl of Wycombe</i>
26	1791.11.28 EIC-EIC	'At 10 PM the <i>Gen[eral]</i> . <i>Coote</i> parted her Ebb Cable carried away our ensyn [ensign] staff & broke the poop lantern'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/285QQ <i>Britannia</i>
27	1792.10.24 SOIC-EIC	'got foul of the <i>Gottenburgh</i> a large Sweedish ship, which carried away part of our Larboard Quarter Railing, got clear with ^[out] further damage'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/399C <i>Dublin</i>
28	1800.11.04 EIC-Country	'got fowl of the <i>Anna</i> Country ship and caried away her jib Boom'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/209A <i>Earl St Vincent</i>
29	1805.01.20 USA-EIC	'AT 6 A.M. the <i>Nancy</i> (Amercan) swung foul of us and carried away the Driver Boom'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/107F <i>Taunton Castle</i>
30	1819.10.09 Country-EIC	'Blowing a hard gale . . . the <i>Essex</i> broke adrift & fell on bo[ard] the <i>Lowther Castle</i> & broke her adrift also the <i>Banneran</i> Country ship parted from her cables & got athwart Hawse of an American & carried away her Bowsprit. Our jolly boat which was hanging astern of the <i>Bannerran</i> was cut adrift. Several ships drove during the gale'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/159E <i>Apollo</i>
31	1819.10.29 Country-EIC	'At 2 AM the <i>Barreneran</i> Country ship came athwart Hawse of us, sprung our Jib Boom, Bowsprit Cap slightly & carried away part of our Jib geer with the Dolphin striker, veered away upon the Bridle & cleared her with some difficulty. At daylight hove to our moorings wrote up to Capt. J. & informed him of the above circumstance'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/159E <i>Apollo</i>