

Appendix 4.3: Deaths by Drowning (non-bathing)

No	Date & Co.	Description	Source
1	1712.12.19 EIC	Boatswain H. Jones fell out of the service boat at Canton and drowned.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/112B <i>Herne</i>
2	1722.10.22 EIC	'Will. Forster seaman fell over board out of the Pinnace & was Drown'd he had neither chest nor cloaths'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/36B <i>Princess Amelia</i>
3	1727.01.06 GIC	Chief writer Pullion of GIC ship <i>Lion</i> fell overboard and drowned when he was attempting to capture some Chinese thieves in a sampan.	SAA: GIC 5701, p. 58, GIC 5757, 1727.01.07-08
4	1742.08.15 EIC	'Att 9 this night John Short Seaman (Being Drink with that pernicious liquor call'd Samchew which was a Continuall custom with him when he could get it) Rowl'd over board as is imagin'd of the gunnell and was never seen to rise again'. On August 18: 'Having information that a dead man lay up the river sent our yaul with the boatswaine to view the body which prov'd to bee Jn. [John] Short mention'd on Sunday last they found him in so bad a condition that twas impossible to carry him to the burying ground to interr him so was oblig'd to Thro [throw] him into the middle of the river and sink him with some Ballast'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/198A <i>Northampton</i>
5	1744.09.06 EIC	'Andrew Swear one of our Helmsmen fell over board & was Drown'ded'.	CL: PHB 14 <i>Ceres</i>
6	1747.07.22 EIC	'PM an officer belonging to the Dane [Danish ship] which lay abreast of us, fell overboard from their ships side and was drown'd'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/573A <i>Prince Edward</i>
7	1748.11.02 EIC	'PM Wm Jameson fell overboard and was drown'd'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/568C <i>Hardwicke</i>
8	1749.07.07 EIC	'At PM John Gray (gunner) accidentally fell overboard & was lost'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/599A <i>Edgecote</i>
9	1750.09.06 EIC	'Jennings Croucher Coopers Mate in his sleep fell overboard from off a hencoop on the Poop & was Drown'd'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/629D <i>Augusta</i>
10	1751.01.25 EIC	'John Slacker seaman in going out to relieve ye boltsprit [bowsprit] end, fell over board, & ye ship went over him, and he was drowned'. The ship was at Lintin Island at the time and about to set out to sea.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/237D <i>York</i>
11	1751.09.12 DAC	At 7 p.m. seaman Lorens Jochumsen had the misfortune of falling overboard, and disappeared. His body was delivered the next morning by some Chinese fishermen, and sent ashore to be buried. The flag was lowered to half-mast.	RAC: Ask 895, p. 55r, Ask 1017, p. 68v <i>Dronningen af Danmark</i>
12	1752.10.15	'at 2 PM Benjamin Cox seaman fell overboard out of	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/438G

	EIC	our Jolly Boat alongside the <i>Prince George</i> & was Drowned'. His body was found the next day and interred on French Island.	<i>Houghton</i>
13	1753.08.21 DAC	Seaman Johan Henrich Buch disappeared in the river at the bankshall, and was drowned. His body was found on the 23rd, and was taken immediately to land and buried	RAC: Ask 899 pp. 38r-v, Ask 1022 p. 59r <i>Sophia Magdalena</i>
14	1753.08.21 DAC	Seaman Erich Berg disappeared in the river at the bankshall, and was drowned. His body was found on the 29th, and was taken immediately to land and buried	RAC: Ask 899 pp. 38r-v, Ask 1022 p. 59r-v <i>Sophia Magdalena</i>
15	1754.11.14 DAC	Seaman Hans Soefeldt fell over board, with no mention of what happened to his body, but an inventory was taken of his belongings.	RAC: Ask 1024 p. 66v <i>Princess Louise</i>
16	1754.12.19 DAC	At 1 p.m. seaman Lars Beistrup fell overboard, with no mention of what happened to his body, but an inventory was taken of his belongings.	RAC: Ask 1024 p. 67v <i>Princess Louise</i>
17	1756.10.23 EIC	A drunken seaman fell overboard and was drowned.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/397C <i>Suffolk</i>
18	1758.09.23 EIC	'John Tossy seaman in seizing up the sparr's in ye main shrouds for vasting fell backwards, overboard & was unfortunately drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/325D <i>Prince Henry</i>
19 +1 20	1759.09.28 DAC	Quartermaster Christian Kock and sailor Peder Holgersen drowned when their jolly boat overturned and sank while on its way to Canton, with a load of Brandy wine for the factory. One man who could swim was saved. There is no mention of whether the bodies were recovered, but the boat was returned on October 1 by some Chinese fisherman, but with its mast, sail, and iron parts missing.	RAC: Ask 905 p. 92r, Ask 1029 pp. 68v <i>Cron Prins af Danmark</i>
21	1759.11.13 EIC	'about 11 o'clock at Night fell Overboard John Devanshire Cooks Mate & was drowned'. His body was found on the 18th and interred on Danes Island.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/578G <i>Drake</i>
22	1759.11.14 EIC	'At 9 PM the caulker Rob. Harmer fell over board out of the Hoppo boat & was drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/507E <i>Chesterfield</i>
23	1760.10.04 DAC	Sailor Morten Schiøt fell out of a boat, and disappeared. His body was found the next day and buried on Danes Island.	RAC: Ask 908 p. 31r-v, Ask 1032 p. 52v <i>Juliana Maria</i>
24	1760.11.10 VOC	On November 11, the Danes found the body of the Dutchman Jan Magdelin in the river, who had fallen overboard and drowned. His body was taken to Gallebaken Island and buried.	RAC: Ask 907 p. 78v, Ask 1031 p. 74r Ship unknown
25	1760.11.30 EIC	'Nic. Micguel a Chr[istian]. man fell overboard & was drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/0452A <i>Valentine</i>

26	1760.12.09 DAC	At 2:30 a.m. Erich Jensen fell out of a boat and dissappeared. There is no mention of his body being found.	RAC: Ask 908 p. 50r, Ask 1032 p. 60r <i>Juliana Maria</i>
27	1761.11.24 DAC	Sailor Rasmus Lorentzen fell overboard this day and drowned. His body was interred on Danes Island.	RAC: Ask 910 p. 77v <i>Kongen af Danmark</i>
28	1762.09.13 EIC	'John Luckily seaman, fell overboard & was unfortunately drowned'. His body was found on the 27th and interred on Danes Island.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/0297D <i>True Briton</i>
29	1762.10.25 DAC	At 7:30 p.m. seamen Hans Aaman and Niels Christensen fell overboard. Boats were sent out immediatly. Aaman was rescued but Christensen could not swim and drowned. His body was found on the 27th and buried on French Island.	RAC: Ask 909 p. 219v, Ask 1034 p. 86v
30	1762.11.08 EIC	'at 11 AM John Dykes seaman fell overboard and was drowned'. The ship was near Macao at the time.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/0229H <i>Essex</i>
31	1762.12.25 EIC	'at 12 at night Antonio a Portugueze sailor being drunk fell overboard and was drowned'. His corpse was found on the 28th, but it does not say where he was buried.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/0297D <i>True Briton</i>
32	1763.03.28 EIC	'P.M. at 7 Peter Cling Seaman as he was coming out of the Hoppo boat fell overboard, unfortunately was drown'd'. His body was found on April 2 and interred on Danes Island.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/495A <i>Grosvenor</i>
33	1763.07.26 DAC	Seaman Johan Caspar Jørgensen had the misfortune of falling overboard and drowning.	RAC: Ask 1147, p. 100r. <i>Princess Louise</i>
34	1763.10.02 EIC	'at noon took up James Jeffries near French Island he being drowned. Permitted him on Liberty on Sunday since wich time he has been missing. PM sent the corps to Danes Island to be intered'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/438J <i>Houghton</i>
35	1763.01.12 EIC	'At midnight Robert Peagon seaman, being a sleep under the booms a small quantity of water came over the gunnell which wett him and in his fright getting from under the booms had the misfortune to fall overboard and was drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/0297D <i>True Briton</i>
36	1763.12.11 EIC	'in the eve <sup>s</sup> a French Prisoner fell over board and as drown'd'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/98C <i>Neptune</i>
37	1764.09.16 EIC	'this evening Rob. Davis (seaman) coming into the ship the side rope slipt thro his hands, he fell overboard and was drown'd'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/557A <i>British King</i>
38	1765.08.11 EIC	'as W <sup>m</sup> Williams was making fast the jolly boat along side the ship he slipt his hold & fell into ye water and was drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/559B <i>Earl of Elgin</i>
39	1766.08.31 EIC	'PM the Surang [Serang, a man in charge of Lascar seamen] / being in liquor / fell over board, and was	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/471A <i>Speke</i>

		drowned'. His body was found on April 2 and interred on Danes Island.	
40	1766.10.14 EIC	'In the Evening William Ward Butcher fell overboard from the <i>Deptford</i> & was drowned'. His body was found on the 16th and interred on Danes Island.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/562E <i>Duke of Cumberland</i>
41	1767.08.18 EIC	'at 9 AM Jam. Muskett seaman was found missing, were apprehensive he had fallen over board, & was drowned, in the night soon after one of the Chinese fishing boats hooked him, and brought him up, sent him on shore to French Island & buried him'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/141D <i>Northumberland</i>
42	1767.11.08 EIC	'at 10 A.M. had the account of Andrew Thompson seaman being Drown'd in going up in one of the chops [boats]'	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/557B <i>British King</i>
43	1768.10.20 EIC	'At 10 PM fell overboard Aaron Simmons seaman, notwithstanding there was a boat a long side at the time & immediatly sent to his assistance could not save him'. His corps was found on the 23rd and interred on Danes Island.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/533C <i>Clive</i>
44 <u>+4</u> 48	1768.12.27 EIC	'Mr. Beck as before is suppos'd to be drowned by the Jolly Boats oversetting, he had two Young Gentlemen & two Seamen who have all shar'd the same fate &c'. Beck's body was found on the 30th and buried on French Island. There is no mention of the other bodies.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/541H <i>Norfolk</i>
49	1770.11.25 EIC	'PM James Watts was unfortunately Drowned along side the <i>Verelst</i> Country ship when on Liberty'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/547C <i>Duke of Gloucester</i>
50	1770.08.13 EIC	'in the morning Jn Jones seaman fell out of the longboat & was drown'd'. His body was found on the 17th and interred on Danes Island.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/0419B <i>Lord Camden</i>
51	1770.08.24 EIC	'in the evening Jn. [John] Jarman Seaman fell overboard & was drowned'. His body was found on the 27th and interred on Danes Island.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/0419B <i>Lord Camden</i>
52	1770.09.25 EIC	'in the morning Thos. Been Surgeons Servant fell out of a boat & was drowned'. His body was found on the 29th and interred on shore.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/0419B <i>Lord Camden</i>
53	1770.10.11 DAC	Sailor Jacob Christian Lind fell overboard from the figurehead ( <i>gallion</i> ) and drowned. There is no mention of his body being found.	RAC: Ask 924 pp. 46r, 49r <i>Frederiksborg Slott</i>
54	1771.10.31 EIC	'In the morning, Alexander McLean soldier as works his pasage coming out of the Hoppo Boat, fell overboard & was drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/479B <i>Sea Horse</i>
55	1771.11.18 EIC	'upon calling the people out this morning found Daniel Grant seaman missing, imagine he has unfortunately fallen overboard as he was seen this	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/141E <i>Northumberland</i>

		morning at 4 o'clock'. His body was found on the 21st and interred on Danes Island.	
56	1772.08.22 EIC	Tho. [Thomas] Boyd was drowned when helping to right a pinnace that had been overset in a storm.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/499B <i>Granby</i>
57	1772.10.15 DAC	On this day, Hans Hansen Lundbye fell overboard and drowned.	RAC: Ask 1168 <i>Fredensborg Slott</i>
58	1772.11.26 SOIC	Captain Herman H. Strehlenert fell overboard and drowned at the Second Bar.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/502C <i>Stockholms Slott</i>
59	1773.09.09 DAC	In the afternoon, seaman Ole Rasmussen fell out of a sampan, and disappeared. His body was found by the Dutch commodore's ship on the 11th and buried on Danes Island.	RAC: Ask 930 p. 44v <i>Dronning Sophia Magdalena</i>
60	1773.10.27 EIC	'John Wood seaman fell overboard and was dround'. His body was found on the 29th and interred on Danes Island.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/0452E <i>Valentine</i>
61	1773.10.15 EIC	'at 5 PM the Jolly Boat coming alongside Thomas Cock (Seaman) trying to lay hold of the Ladder, overreach'd himself, fell overboard and was Drowned immediately'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/509B <i>Prime</i>
62	1775.09.18 EIC	'found the body of Antony (a black Boy) who fell overb <sup>d</sup> last Thursday buried it on Deans [Danes] Island'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/480B <i>Morse</i>
63	1778.12.24 EIC	'Fell off the Gunwall and was Drown'd David Anderson, Quarter Master'. His corpse was found on the 25th and buried on Danes Island.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/437B <i>Hillsborough</i>
64	1779.10.09 EIC	'One of the Alfred boats crew fell overboard alongside of us and although every body was upon Deck and people in the Boat alongside he was Unfortunately Drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/278H <i>Worcester</i>
65	1780.12.01 EIC	'PM John Tibbs fell out of a sanpan going to Canton & was Drownd'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/490C <i>Earl of Sandwich</i>
66	1783.11.16 EIC	'John Dunn seaman fell over board & was drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/0441A <i>General Coote</i>
67	1784.04.02 EIC	'at noon John Flight the gunners mate, tumbled out of the jolly boat & was drown'd'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/41A-B <i>Kent</i>
68	1786.12.12 EIC	'Thomas Shibbs (boy) fell overboard & was drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/46G <i>Vansittart</i>
69	1786.12.25 EIC	On 20 January 1787 it was reported that 'the Jolly Boat brought alongside the ship the Body of the late Christopher Woodhouse Seaman who fell overboard from the <i>Hawke</i> the 25th of last Month, it was found floating on the surface of the water'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/356H <i>Queen</i>
70	1787.08.02 EIC	'Gilbert Huston, Seaman, fell over board and was drown'd'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/278J <i>Worcester</i>

71	1787.08.11 EIC	'at 12 PM Mr George Williamson, third officer fell over board & was unfortunately drowned'. His body was found on the 13th and buried on French Island.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/409A <i>Earl of Wycombe</i>
72	1787.21.02 EIC	Two men fell overboard and drowned.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/0457E <i>Locko</i>
73	1788.01.24 EIC	'At 7 PM Edw <sup>d</sup> Hayward Armourer, unfortunately fell overboard as he was getting on board and was drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/564B <i>Lansdown</i>
74	1788.08.23 EIC	'Don <sup>d</sup> McDonal Boatswains Boy fell over board & was unfortunately drown'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/410D <i>Earl Talbot</i>
75	1788.12.18 EIC	'AM Cap. Hunt being missing - suppose he must have fallen overboard in the Night – Employ'd 20 Country Boats in Creeping & at 11 Found the Body'. He was buried on the 19th.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/505H <i>Dutton</i>
76	1789.12.18 EIC	William Crosley seaman fell overboard and drowned. On December 19 'Employd several Chinese sampans dragging for the Body one of which returned with it sent it to Danes Island to be interrd'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/525E <i>Pitt</i>
77	1790.07.07 EIC	A man fell overboard and was drowned.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/438A <i>Houghton</i>
78	1790.09.04	'W <sup>m</sup> Houlton Seaman in attempting to swim to the ship from Dane's Island was unfortunately drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/14B <i>Minerva</i>
79	1790.10.21 EIC	'at 2 PM James Hill Caulker fell Overboard, and Immediately Sunk, got some Chinese Boats to Drag for Him, who got hold of the Body, after being under water about an Hour, use'd every means possible for restoring Him to Life, but found it impossible'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/150K <i>Royal Charlotte</i>
80	1790.11.05 DAC	At 10 a.m., Sailor Ramus Torbjørn fell overboard and drowned. His body was found on the 9th and interred on Danes Island.	RAC: Ask 968 p. 40r, Ask 1089 p. 74v-75r. <i>Juliana Maria</i>
81	1795.02.13 EIC	'At 9 PM Henry Johnson Seaman fell from the accommodation Ladder of the <i>Duke of Buccleigh</i> and was unfortunately drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/165D <i>Carnatic</i>
82	1795.04.11 EIC	'At 2 AM Discover'd a man upon the mooring swivel & ask'd what he wanted, but receiving no answer concluded he was a China man & threaten'd to fire at him, when, he fell into the water and was drown'd, in the morning mustered the hands to see if any body was missing, & found W <sup>m</sup> Messenger the Amourer missing'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/265B <i>Woodford</i>
83	1798.03.08 EIC	'Rec <sup>d</sup> the Liberty men from Canton coming down James Smith fell out of the Boat Will <sup>m</sup> Prichard went to his assistance and both were unfortunately drowned'. Smith and Prichard's bodies were found on	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/341C <i>Earl of Abergavenny</i>

		the 15th and interred on Danes Island.	
84	1807.02.25 EIC	'AM Tho. [Thomas] Haddock, gunners mate fell overboard and was drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/172-O <i>Glatton</i>