

Appendix 4.5: Seamen Who Drowned While Bathing in the Pearl River

No	Date of reporting	Incident	Source
1	1731.09.10 Danish	Seaman Anders Karelsen went into the river with several other seamen to bathe himself at the bankshall, was swept away by the current, and disappeared. His body was found the next day and buried.	Wigandt 202
2	1747.08.16 EIC	'Last night [August 15] as James Adams Midshipman was bathing himself at the factory [in Canton] he unfortunately slird out of his depth and was drowned'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/573A <i>Prince Edward</i>
3	1747.09.03 EIC	'At 5 PM was unfortunately drownded by going into ye River to wash himself from ye Banksol and could not swim Richard Finald Coopersmate'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/541A <i>Norfolk</i>
4	1749.06.22 EIC	'William Mathews seaman was unfortunately drown'd a going in the water to wash himself before the banksall'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/623C <i>Admiral Vernon</i>
5	1758.08.20 DAC	Oplöber Kiel Bensen went into the river near the bankshalls at Whampoa to bathe himself and was swept away by the current and drowned. His body was recovered and buried the next day.	RAC: Ask 903 p. 28v, Ask 1028 pp. 60r-v <i>Juliana Maria</i>
6	1762.06.27 DAC	In the afternoon, seaman Torsten Mogensen went too far into the river at the bankshall to bathe himself and take a swim. He was swept away by the current and drowned. His body was found on the 30th and buried on French Island.	RAC: Ask 909, p. 168v, 171r., Ask 1034, p. 79r-v <i>Prince Friderich</i>
7	1765.09.09 EIC	'PM as James Pinkston midshipm. was Bathing at Danes Island he went out of his depth and was unfortunately Drownded'. On Sep 10 'at Noon found the Body of James Pinkston interrd it on Danes Island'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/8A <i>Thames</i>
8	1766.08.02 -03 EIC	'This afternoon Robert Weldon was bathing off the Bankshall and was unfortunately drown'd'. On Aug 3 'In the morning the Body of Robert Weldon was found floating down the River, took him up & buryed him on Deans [Danes] Island'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/400D <i>Osterley</i>
9	1767.10.04 EIC	'PM John Huntington being washing himself at French Island was Drownd'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/557B <i>British King</i>
10	1772.09.16 EIC	'at 4 AM John Beale seaman going overboard to wash himself was unfortunatly drown'd, at 10 his body was taken up by a Chinese fishing boat, sent the corps to Danes Island for interment'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/499B <i>Granby</i>
11	1790.10.17 DAC	At 6 pm, the butcher Hans Olsen went into the river at the bankshall to bathe himself, and got swept away by the current and disappeared. His body was found the next day and interred on Danes Island.	RAC: Ask 968 p. 32r, Ask 1089 p. 77v. <i>Juliana Maria</i>