

Appendix 4.7: Men Caught Stealing and Selling Items to Chinese

Date	Description	Source
1751.08.18 EIC	'this morning put James Hughs & David Williams in Irons both foremast men, for being detected, in handing Iron Hoops out of the ship for samsheew (a vilianous intoxicating spirituuous liquor) & the former of them, went out of the ship without leave'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/549B <i>Lord Anson</i>
1755.11.29 EIC	'AM Charles Linderboom, seaman run the Gantlet, for stealing of an Iron Crow, belonging to the ship & selling it for Liquor'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/575C <i>Prince George</i>
1756.10.04 EIC	'PM put two of our People in Irons vizt James Evans and Ja. [James] Huges for knocking Iron hoops off the water butts and concealing them intending to sell them'. October 7: 'gave Ja. Evans and Ja. Huges a dozen lashes each at the gangway and this morning let them out of Irons'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/458A <i>Stormont</i>
1761.08.08 EIC	'Examined ye Hoppo Boats and found abt [about] 12 lb [pounds] of the Hon[oura]ble Companys pepper which had been stolen by 2 of our people, who immediatly confessed, and deliver'd the Chinese over to the Mandrine for Punishment'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/98B <i>Neptune</i>
1761.08.24 EIC	'At 2 PM Mark Nicolo was put in Irons for breaking into the gunroom and then into the breadroom and having slung one of the Hon ^{ble} Companys chest of Treasure with an intent to steal it and take it out of the gunroom stern port, and when he was detcted he jump't out of the said port into the water, and then the people observ'd two small sampans make towards French Island w ^{ch} we suspect to be his accomplices'. August 28: 'This morning I order'd Mark Nicolo to run the Gantlope [Gauntlet] for Attempting to Steal and Carry away, one of the Hon ^{ble} Companys chest of treasure'. September 1: 'Mark Nicolo confessed his breaking open the gunroom & breadroom and slinging the chest of treasure &c'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/492A <i>Duke of Richmond</i>
1764.04.04 EIC	'between 6 and 7 last night, having informaton that one of the Hoppo boat men on the starboard side had got some pepper from some of our people; way laid him and found his pocket almost full. Secur'd him and upon enquiry and bringing the people to his face; he said Andrew Scot quarter master had gave it him on which put him in irons. At ½ past 9 the mandareen at Wampo sent a soldier on board for the China man whose name is Seun and carried him away with a rope about his neck and his hands tied behind him, to send him to Canton to be punished'. April 5: 'At 8 PM gave Andrew Scott 11 lashes with a cat[-o'-nine-tails] for stealing pepper and selling it to the Hoppo Boatman alongside'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/452B <i>Valentine</i>

1764.11.19 EIC	'the Capt. came on board and punish'd Absolem Linden gunners mate with one dozen lashes with a cat of nine tails for stealing the Companys sandall wood at which time the China man that receiv'd it was brought on board and Bambood'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/141C <i>Northumberland</i>
1771.11.04 EIC	'AM punished John Grimes with 30 lashes for carrying the ships shot into the Hoppo boat to sell, & for drunkenness & neglect of Duty'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/308E <i>Calcutta</i>
1777.11.20 EIC	'confined Richard Turner, seaman in irons for theft'. November 21: 'AM Punished Rich ^d Turner with two dozen lashes of a cat of nine tails. The Theft which he was accused of being clearly provd against him. At the same time delivered a China Man his confederate, up to the Mandarin of Wampoa where he was Babmboo'd'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/278G <i>Worcester</i>
1772.10.26 EIC	'Confined Phillup Staine in irons for robbing ye Bankshall, also ye China man who receive ye stolen goods'. October 29: 'releas'd the China man out of irons & delivere him up to ye Manderine at the Hoppoa House'. November 21: 'releas'd Phillup Staine from his confinement on his promise of future good behaviour'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/501D <i>Earl of Lincoln</i>
1779.02.04 EIC	'at 5 PM Samuel Barnes Seaman was put in Irons for conveying a bag of Sago in to the Hoppo boat'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/17-I <i>Royal George</i>
1786.09.24 EIC	'At 8 AM convin'd [confined] James Valentine Seaman, for having made away with some Iron belonging to the ship. At 10 punish'd him with 13 lashes, upon the armourer's information of his having sold it to a Chinese'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/503G <i>Pigot</i>
1789.10.25 EIC	'Sunday. Confin'd in Irons John Cragan Seaman for Drunkeness and striking the Boatswain, also Alex Tyre Seaman for Drunkeness and Theft and attempting to Bring SamsheW in to the Ship out of the Hoppo Boat'. October 28: 'Wednesday. AM punish'd John Cragan & Alex Tire wth 19 lashes each for Drunkeness on Sunday last. Jn. Cragan was to have had 3 doz. lashes, but the Remainder of his punishment remited on account of former good behavior'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/387B <i>Thetis</i>
1790.09.11 EIC	'put George Beck Baker in Irons for Stealing Iron Hoops & selling them to the Hoppo Man'.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/400J <i>Osterley</i>
1790.10.20 EIC	'At 1 AM Ja. [James] Brown, Ja. [James] Henderson and Rob. Anderson were suspected of stealing cotton and selling it to the Hoppo Boat; on examining them Brown confessed that the evening before they had stole three bags and had then four more ready, Wm Robison Qr Mr [Quarter Master] had found Rob. Anderson with a bag of cotton which he had stole, on being confronted with their accuser, they confessed their guilt, Robt. Anderson and Ja. Hendersen were put in irons. As Brown	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/332B <i>Belvidere</i>

	had disclosed the theft Captain Greer forgave him. At 7 AM all hands being called Henderson was punished at the gangway with 2 dozen of lashes and Anderson with three dozen lashes he having struck the Qr Mr who detected him, and both set at liberty, at 8 D ^o towed the Hoppo boat to Wampoa’.	
1791.12.08 EIC	‘AM Confined John Murray (seaman) in Irons for stealing at different times, from the ship, a new Swabb, & the Jibb Pendants, and selling them for Liquor, to the Washing Girls’ (Chinese girls who visited the ships everyday to wash clothes).	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/351B <i>Boddam</i>
1792.11.07 EIC	‘the Liberty men Return’d, Confined Arch. Campbell Recruit for handing Iron Hoops into a Sanpan alongside’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/287J <i>Nottingham</i>
1794.11.07 EIC	‘PM Punished Alex. Crawford Quart. [Quarter Master] with 2 doz. lashes for stealing an ingot of tin of the H. Company’s & selling it, turned him before the Mast’ [which means he was demoted to common seaman].	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/107B <i>Taunton Castle</i>
1794.12.00 VOC	Constable’s mate Coenraad Hijgens van Vlissingen confessed to stealing spices and selling them to Chinese for liquor, and he was charged with drunkenness. Instead of keelhauling (the water was not deep enough at the Second Bar) he was dropped three times from the main yardarm, and then booted by the entire crew (run the gauntlet), and demoted to common seaman to work before the mast.	NAH: OIC 195 DR, 1794.11.24, pp. 91-3, and doc. Nos. 21-30, pp. 741-65
1798.12.03 EIC	‘confined Henry Price seaman in Irons on suspicion of selling the ships stores to the Hoppo man’. December 6: ‘punished Henry Price with one dozen lashes for theft & releasd him from confinement’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/349D <i>Brunswick</i>
1822.09.24 EIC	‘confined in irons David Thompson seaman for stealing & trafficking away ships stores to the Chinese Boats’. September 25: ‘Held a Court of Inquire on the Prisoner found him guilty, punished him with three dozen lashes, and released him’.	BL: IOR L/MAR/B/20C <i>Orwell</i>