

‘They live by Trade’: Britain’s global trade in the Great Days of Sail

‘Coastwise – cross-seas – round the world and back again,
Whither flaw shall fail us or the Trades drive down:
Plain-sail – storm-sail – lay your board and back again –
And all to bring a cargo up to London Town!’

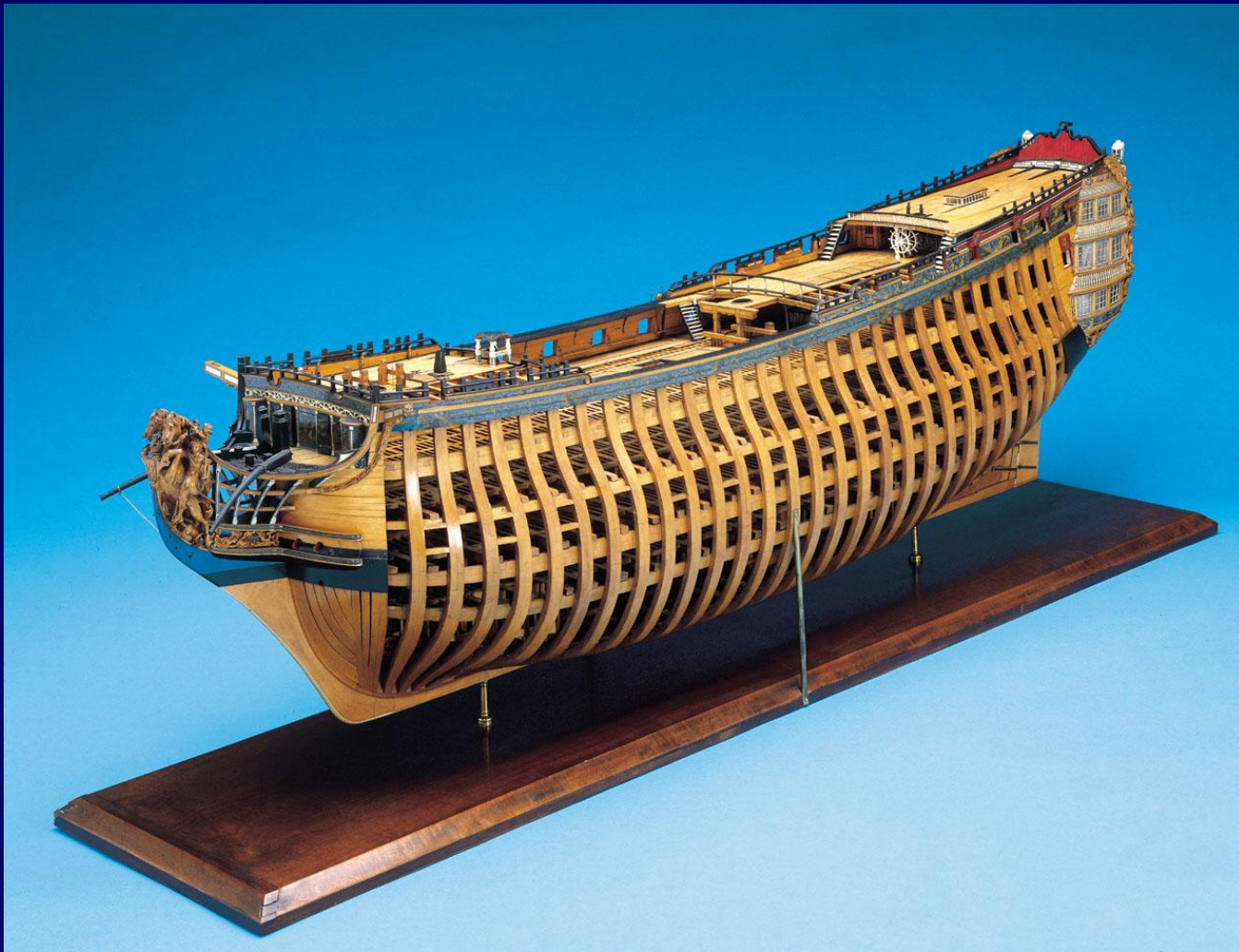
Rudyard Kipling, ‘The Merchantmen’, in *The Seven Seas* (1896)



St Albans floated out at Deptford
John Clevely the Elder, 1747 (BHC1046)



A Sixth-Rate on the Stocks
John Clevely the Elder, 1758 (BHC1045)



HMS Royal George, 100 guns
Thomas Burroughs, 1772–77, scale 1:48 (SLR0036)

From Leghorn towards London

H	K	HK	Cause	Winds	Monday July 23. 1770
2	1	1	W.H.	SE	The first and latter parts light Breezes North by East
4	1	1	W.H.	SE	The Middle light and variable with Breeze
6	1	1	W.H.	SE	
8	2	1	W.H.	SE	
10	2	1	W.H.	SE	
12	1	1	W.H.	SE	
2	1	1	W.H.	SE	
4	2	1	W.H.	SE	
6	2	1	W.H.	SE	
8	2	1	W.H.	SE	
10	1	1	W.H.	SE	
12	1	1	W.H.	SE	



Course... SE
Distance... 39
Wind... SE
Speed... 38
Long... 38
Lat... 42

Lat. Observed 42.30 North

H	K	HK	Cause	Winds	Tuesday July 24. 1770
2	1	1	W.H.	Variable	Light and variable & soft Day part
4	1	1	W.H.	Variable	
6	1	1	W.H.	Variable	
8	1	1	W.H.	Variable	
10	2	1	W.H.	Variable	
12	1	1	W.H.	Variable	
2	1	1	W.H.	Variable	
4	1	1	W.H.	Variable	
6	1	1	W.H.	Variable	
8	2	1	W.H.	Variable	
10	1	1	W.H.	Variable	
12	1	1	W.H.	Variable	



Course... SE
Distance... 25
Wind... SE
Speed... 19
Long... 38
Lat... 42

Lat. Observed 42.11 North

H	K	HK	Cause	Winds	Wednesday July 25. 1770
2	1	1	W.H.	SE	The first and latter parts light Breezes North by East
4	1	1	W.H.	SE	The Middle light Breezes variable & soft Day part
6	1	1	W.H.	SE	
8	2	1	W.H.	SE	
10	1	1	W.H.	SE	
12	1	1	W.H.	SE	
2	1	1	W.H.	SE	
4	1	1	W.H.	SE	
6	1	1	W.H.	SE	
8	1	1	W.H.	SE	
10	2	1	W.H.	SE	
12	3	1	W.H.	SE	



Course... SE
Distance... 32
Wind... SE
Speed... 30
Long... 38
Lat... 42

Lat. Observed 42.11 North

in the Ship Betsey 1770

H	K	HK	Cause	Winds	Thursday 26. July 1770
2	7	1	W.H.	SE	The first of these 24 hours equally the Middle
4	0	1	W.H.	SE	Light Breezes variable with Breeze
6	1	1	W.H.	SE	
8	1	1	W.H.	SE	
10	1	1	W.H.	SE	
12	1	1	W.H.	SE	
2	1	1	W.H.	SE	
4	1	1	W.H.	SE	
6	1	1	W.H.	SE	
8	1	1	W.H.	SE	
10	1	1	W.H.	SE	
12	1	1	W.H.	SE	



Course... SE
Distance... 17
Wind... SE
Speed... 17
Long... 38
Lat... 42

Lat. Observed 39.44 North

H	K	HK	Cause	Winds	Friday 27. July 1770
2	3	1	W.H.	Variable	Light Breezes variable The Middle & Lightening
4	3	1	W.H.	Variable	in all Quarters, & soft Day part
6	2	1	W.H.	Variable	
8	3	1	W.H.	Variable	
10	3	1	W.H.	Variable	
12	2	1	W.H.	Variable	
2	4	1	W.H.	Variable	
4	3	1	W.H.	Variable	
6	3	1	W.H.	Variable	
8	4	1	W.H.	Variable	
10	1	1	W.H.	Variable	
12	1	1	W.H.	Variable	



Course... SE
Distance... 25
Wind... SE
Speed... 19
Long... 38
Lat... 42

Lat. Observed 38.52 North

H	K	HK	Cause	Winds	Saturday July 28. 1770
2	1	1	W.H.	SE	The first part light Breezes with Clouds the Middle
4	1	1	W.H.	SE	Light Breezes light and Cloudy with Breeze
6	1	1	W.H.	SE	
8	1	1	W.H.	SE	
10	3	1	W.H.	SE	
12	3	1	W.H.	SE	
2	1	1	W.H.	SE	
4	1	1	W.H.	SE	
6	1	1	W.H.	SE	
8	1	1	W.H.	SE	
10	1	1	W.H.	SE	
12	1	1	W.H.	SE	



Course... SE
Distance... 69
Wind... SE
Speed... 38
Long... 38
Lat... 42

Lat. Observed 38.14 North

Logbook of the Betsey
Nicholas Pocock, 1770 (LOG/M/21)

I think I need not tell them that they live by TRADE: that their Commerce has rais'd them from what they were, to what they are; and may, if cultivated and improv'd, raise them yet farther to what they never were.

Daniel Defoe, *An Humble Proposal to the People of England* (1729)

We are a people who live and maintain ourselves by Trade, and if Trade be lost, or overmuch discouraged, we are a ruined Nation.

William Fleetwood (1711)



An East Indiaman in the time of King William III
Isaac Sailmaker, c. 1690 (BHC1676)



East India Company's yard at Deptford, c. 1660 (BHC1873)



The Mast House and Brunswick Dock at Blackwall

William Daniell, c. 1803 (BHC1867)





The East Indiaman Warley
Robert Salmon, 1804 (BHC3707)



East Indiamen in the China Seas
William John Huggins, 1820 (BHC1157)

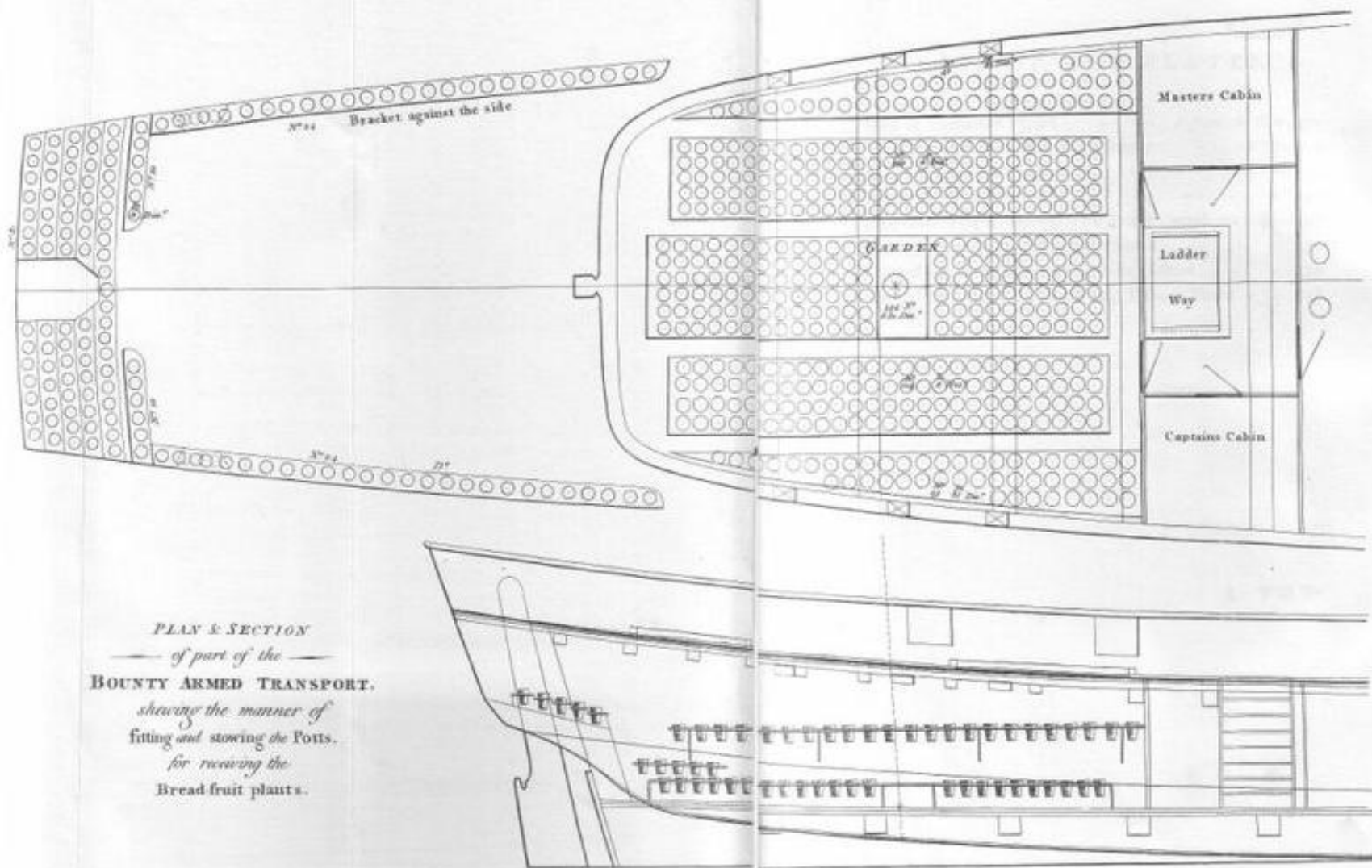


A packet off Liverpool
Robert Salmon, 1809 (BHC1862)



*HMS Resolution and HMS Adventure with fishing craft in
Matavai Bay*

William Hodges, c. 1775–76 (BHC1932)



PLAN & SECTION
 of part of the
BOUNTY ARMED TRANSPORT.
*showing the manner of
 fitting and stowing the Plants,
 for receiving the
 Bread fruit plants.*

Trade and trading companies: The Atlantic Ocean



Coat of arms of the South Sea Company
Robert Jones, c. 1711–12 (HRA0043)









Three ships of the Hudson Bay Company off Greenwich
John Hood, 1769 (PAI6954)



Hudson Bay Trading Company token, c. 1865 (MEC2758)



Shot pouch
c. 1820s (AAA2644)



A View of Port Royal, Jamaica
Richard Paton, 1758 (BHC1861)



Pistol presented to Captain Peter Reed by the Assembly of St Kitt's
1756 (AAA2417)



Slave Traffic
S. Hutchinson, 1793 (PAG9696)



Infant School Society Depository, 19, Cheapside, London.

PLANTING THE SUGAR-CANE,

Planting the Sugar Cane
After William Clark, 1823 (ZBA2505)



Infant School Society Depository, 19, Cheapside, London.
SHIPPING SUGAR.

Shipping Sugar
After William Clark, 1823 (PAH3019)



Trade and trading companies: The Pacific and Indian Oceans



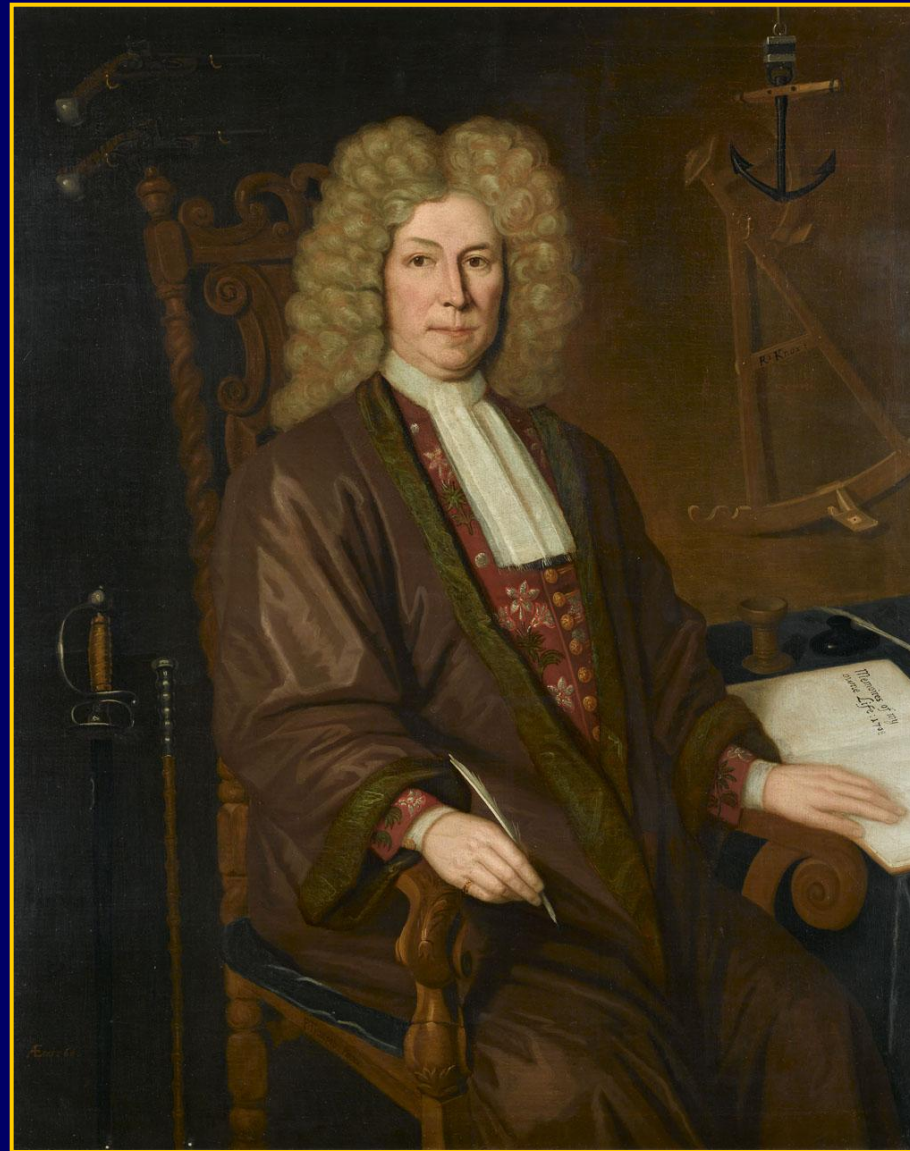
*The Return to Amsterdam of the Second Expedition to the East
Indies on 19 July 1599*

Andries van Eertvelt, c. 1610 (BHC0748)



Sir James Lancaster, c. 1596 (BHC2828)





Captain Robert Knox of the East India Company
P. Trampon, 1711 (BHC2825)



The Money Brothers

Jean François Rigaud, c. 1788–92 (BHC2866)



European Factories at Canton
William Daniell, late 18th century (ZBA1291)



Painted by W. J. Huggins, Marine Painter to His Majesty, & Published by him at 101, Leadenhall Street, Sep 27 & 28, 1835.

WHAMPOA, IN CHINA.

Taken on the Spot by Mr W. J. HUGGINS, Marine Painter to His Majesty, & Painted expressly for John Martin Esq. — This Plate is most Respectfully Dedicated to the Commanders & Officers in the R. F. Company's Service, & also to the Commanders & Officers of the Ships trading to India. The View is taken from (Guns) Island, looking towards Canton, embracing Whampoa, & Junk River, with the surrounding Chinese & European Settlements, & including Whampoa Pagoda, & those near to Canton.

Designed by R. Denton.

Whampoa in China
 After William John Huggins, 1835 (PAI0239)







Vase presented to Lady Hamilton by the Queen of Naples
c. 1800 (AAA4723)



Astronomical Chronometer
George Margetts, *c.* 1783 (ZBA1219)



御製紅毛噴咭喇圖王差使臣嘯
 嘯嘯等奉表貢呈詩以誌事
 博都雅昔修職貢嘯咭喇今效蓋誠
 暨焚禁車輸近步
 祖功
 宗德遠藏視如常却心嘉薦不貴
 異聽物翻精懷遠導來而厚注衷深
 保泰以持盈



K'o-ssu tapestry (TXT0107)



Battles for trade and empire



The Execution of Admiral Byng, 14 March 1757
British School, c. 1760 (BHC0380)



Attack on Gorée
Dominic Serres (BHC0386)



Medal commemorating the capture of Guadeloupe, 1759
(MEC1304)



‘The Defeat of a French Squadron, Commanded by Monsieur de la Clue, off Cape Lagos’
After Francis Swaine (PAD5260)



Admiral Edward Boscawen
Sir Joshua Reynolds (BHC2565)



The battle of Quiberon Bay, 20 November 1759

Nicholas Pocock, 1812 (BHC0399)



Admiral Edward Hawke
Francis Cotes (BHC2754)



The Battle of Quiberon Bay, 21 November 1759: The day after
Richard Wright (BHC0402)



A View of the Taking of QUEBEC September 13th 1759.

Shewing the manner of debarking the English forces, & of the resolute scrambling of the light Infantry, upon the Precipice to dislodge the Capitaine's post, which defended a small entrenched path, through which the Troops were to pass. Also a view of the signal Victory obtained over the French regulars, Canadians and Indians, which produced the surrender of Quebec.

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Vue de la Prise de QUEBEC le 13 Septembre 1759.

Qui Représente le débarquement des troupes Angloises, & l'Intrepidité de l'Infanterie Légère en escaladant un Précipice pour déloger le poste du Capitaine qui défendait un sentier retranché par où les troupes devoient passer. Aussi la vue de la Victoire signalée remportée sur les Français, Canadiens & Indiens, qui obligea la Ville à Capituler.

à Londres, chez Messieurs Bachelier, au Palais National, sous le Vestibule.

‘A View of the Taking of Quebec September 13th 1759’
(PAG8839)



The Death of General Wolfe
William Woollett after Benjamin West, 1776 (PAH7700)





The Capture of Havana: The Storming of Morro Castle
Dominic Serres, c. 1775 (BHC0413)



The Capture of Havana: The Battery
Dominic Serres, c. 1775 (BHC0410)



Dioramic Model of the Battle of the Saints
c. 1782 (MLD0011)



The Battle of the Glorious First of June, 1794
Philippe-Jacques de Loutherbourg, 1795 (BHC0470)



Flag of Lord Howe's ship, HMS Royal Charlotte
1794 (AAA0730)



Guillotine blade
c. 1790s (TOA0079)



Duckworth's Action off San Domingo, 6 February 1806

Nicholas Pocock, 1808 (BHC0571)



Sword presented to Admiral Sir John T. Duckworth

Richard Teed, c. 1804–6 (WPN1120)

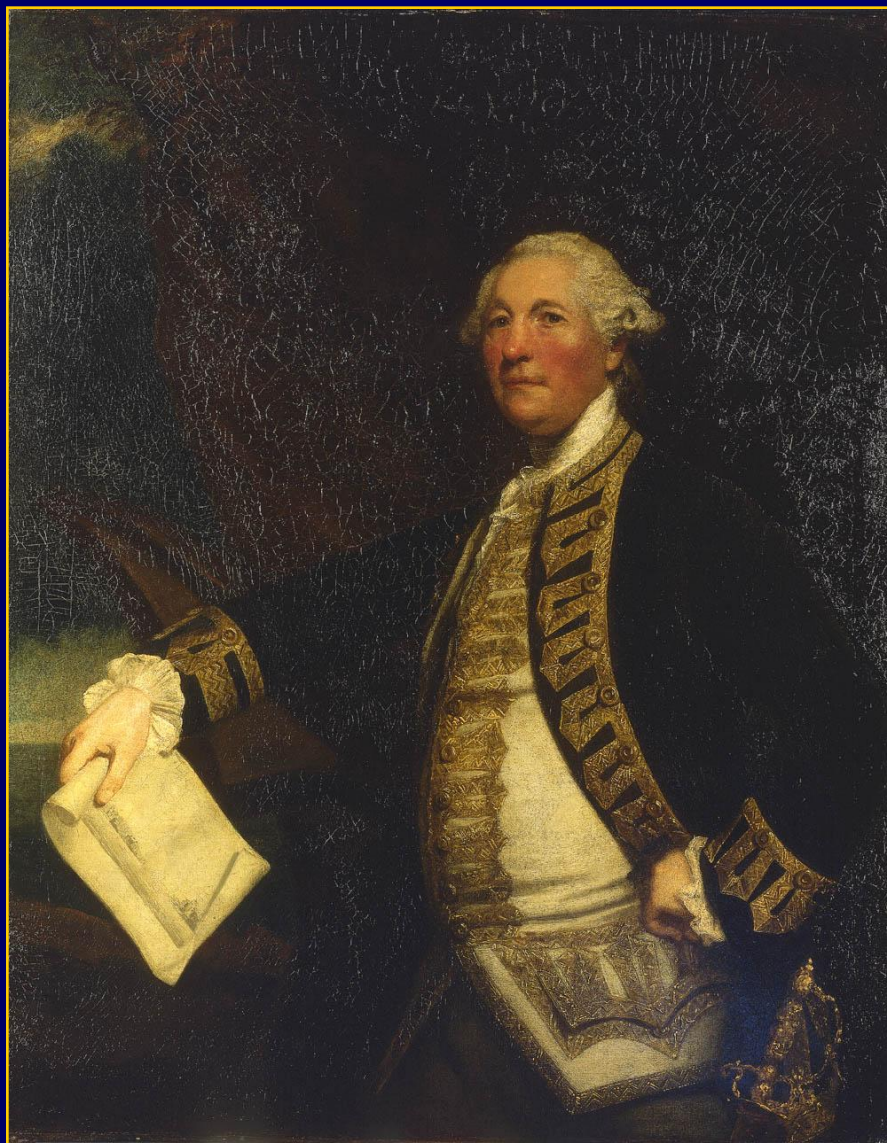


Tea kettle presented to Vice-Admiral Sir J. T. Duckworth
(PLT0040)



The manner of our unfortunate being take by the Dutch in the Straights of Banka in the latitude 2 & 3 degrees

Edward Barlow, 17th century (JOD/4/226)



Commodore Sir William James
Sir Joshua Reynolds, 1784 (BHC2801)



Cup presented to John Allen, 1761 (PLT0003)



Battle of Negapatam, 6 July 1782
Dominic Serres, 1786 (BHC0448)



The Battle of the Nile: Destruction of L'Orient, 1 August 1798
Mather Brown, 1825 (BHC0510)



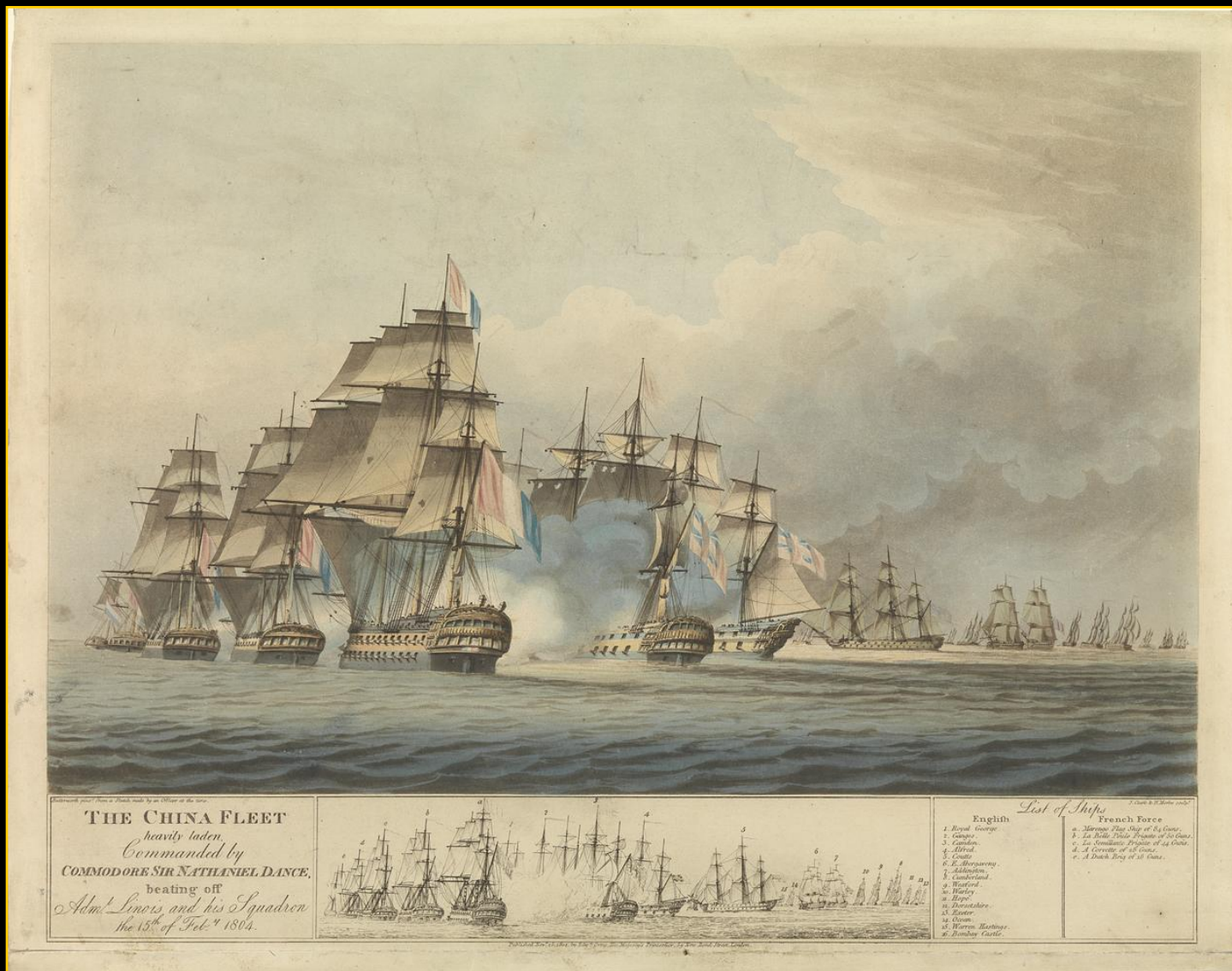
‘Extirpation of the Plagues of Egypt...’
after James Gillray, 6 October 1798 (PAF3893)



Plan of the attack of Lord Cornwallis on Seringapatam, 1792
(GREN71/7)



Ship carving from HMS *Seringapatam*, 1819 (FHD0102)



‘The China Fleet heavily laden Commanded by Commodore Sir Nathaniel Dance beating off Adml Linois and his Squadron the 15th of Feby 1804’ (PAG9019)



Sir Nathaniel Dance (PAH5517)





Lloyd's Patriotic Fund Vase presented to Captain John Timins,
1806 (PLT0180)



*Captain Robert Maunsell capturing French gunboats off Java,
July 1811*

William John Huggins, c.1812 (BHC4218)

Exploration, Enlightenment and Empire



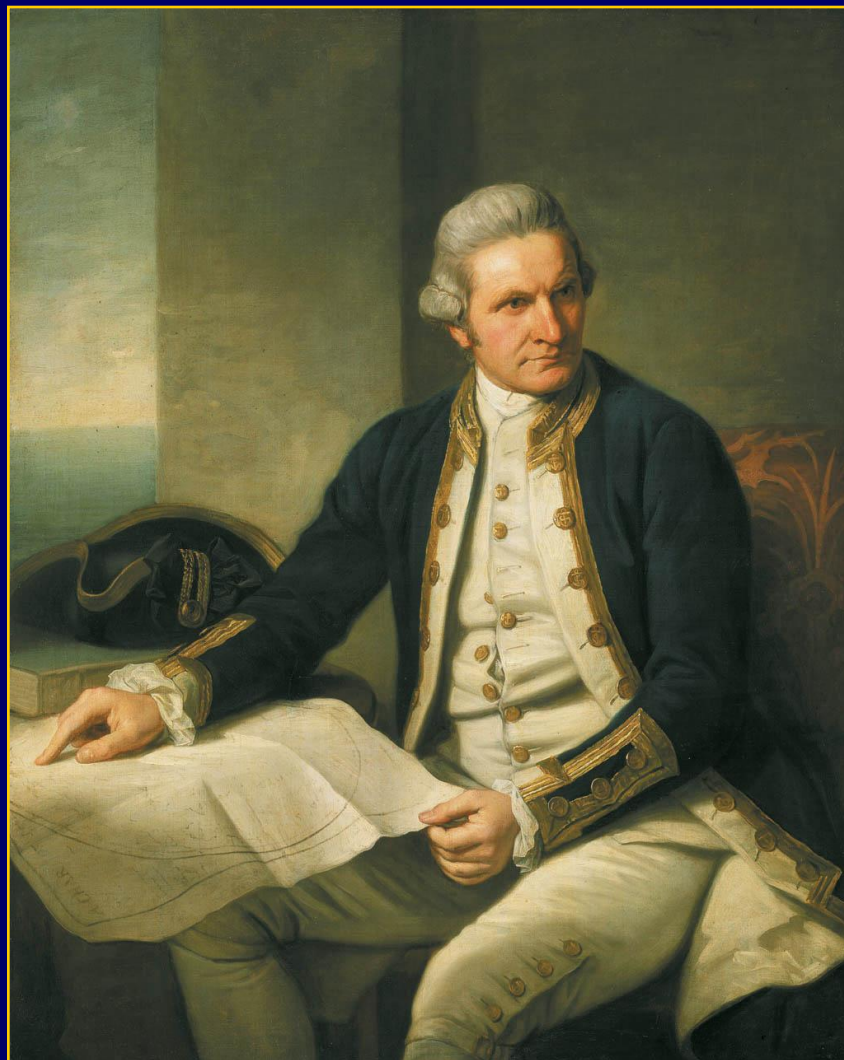
Drake coconut cup, c. 1580 (ZBA1345)



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HMS Centurion, 60 guns
Benjamin Slade, 1747, scale 1:48 (SLR0442)



Captain James Cook
Nathaniel Dance, 1775–76 (BHC2628)



A View of the monuments on Easter Island (Rapanui)
William Hodges, c. 1776 (BHC1795)



Marine Timekeeper ('H4')
John Harrison, 1759 (ZAA0037)



Model of the *Nonsuch*, 1:64 scale, c. 1906 (SLR0083)





May all British
Admirals have the Eye of
an HAWK, the Heart of a
WOLF, and the Spirit of

a
RODNEY