First Voyage: Endeavour 1768 -1771

Name: Peter FLOWER

Personal Details:
Born in 1750 in Guernsey.
He drowned on 2 December 1768, after falling overboard from Endeavour in the harbour at Rio de Janeiro.

Position on board: Able Seaman

Biographical Summary:
Flower had served in the Grenville (1764-1767) as A.B. during Cook’s survey of the coast of Newfoundland. He was one of several men who followed Cook and transferred from Grenville to Endeavour. They all enrolled on Endeavour on 27 May 1768.

After the death of Flower in the accident at Rio de Janeiro, Cook recorded in his log that the seaman had been ‘A good hardy seaman & had sailed with me above five years.’

Cook is thought to have named Flowers Cove, and Flower Ledge, both on the coast of Newfoundland, after the seaman.

Sources:
Beaglehole, The Voyage of the Endeavour 1768-1771
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