Name: James Mario MAGRA

Personal Details:
Born in New York about 1746, to parents James and Elizabeth Magra.
In October 1793, he married Henrietta Maxwell, daughter of the army victualing agent at Gibralter. They had no children.
He died 29th March 1806, at Tangier, North Africa.

Position On-Board: Midshipman

Biographical Summary:
Magra entered the Royal Navy in May 1761 as a 15 year old 'captain's servant'.
In July 1764, he was appointed as a midshipman on H.M.S. Hawke.
He joined the Endeavour on 25th July 1768 as an A.B.
He was accused of cutting the ears of Cook's clerk in May 1770, a charge from which he was later exonerated.
Before the end of the voyage, Magra was appointed midshipman, 27 May 1771.
After the voyage he changed his name to 'Matra'.
He subsequently became consul at Tenerife (1772-75), and then embassy secretary in Constantinople (1778-80).
In July 1786, he accepted the appointment of consul at Tangier, Morocco, where he was to remain (with some respites at Gibralter when the plague ravaged North Africa) until his death.

Sources:
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