## Name:
Robert MOLYNEUX

## Personal Details:
- Born 1746, Lancashire
- Died of dysentery as the ship was leaving Table Bay, Cape of Good Hope, on Tuesday 16th April 1771. He was buried at sea.
- In some sources, his surname is spelt as Molineux.

## Position On-Board:
Master

## Biographical Summary:
Molyneux first sailed around the world under Captain Wallis on *HMS Dolphin*. When the *Dolphin* returned to the Thames in June 1768 he was one of several crew who were transferred to the *Endeavour*. He had been Master's Mate on the *Dolphin*, and he was promoted to Master when he joined *Endeavour*.

Throughout the voyage, Molyneux proved to be a competent and skilled Master, who could also draw charts of the islands they visited.

In recording Molyneux’s death in his journal, Cook described him as ‘a young man of good parts but had unfortunately given himself up to extravagancy and intemperance which brought on disorders that out a period to his life’.

## Sources:
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