# Captain James Cook R.N.
## Crew Database

### First Voyage: Endeavour 1768 - 1771

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<th>Name: Charles PRAVALL</th>
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**Personal Details:**
Country of origin not yet determined.
He married in Dublin, Ireland, where he lived and worked for about 16 years, before his death in that city in 1789.

**Position On-Board:** A.B. seaman then draughtsman to Joseph Banks

**Biographical Summary:**
Pravall was one of 19 men who Cook took on board at Batavia in December 1770. Initially they were classed as “supernumeraries”, and were not part of the ship's crew. But Cook had lost 7 men to dysentery whilst at Batavia, and when he sailed from that port, 40 more of his crew were sick. As more crew died as *Endeavour* crossed the Indian Ocean, Cook transferred the men from Batavia into the ship’s crew.

Pravall’s had some drawing skills and was soon assigned to artistic tasks in the Great Cabin of *Endeavour*. There he copied out some charts and drawings which had been made by others, for Joseph Banks' collection. After *Endeavour* returned to the River Thames, Pravall was employed by Banks for a while.

He then moved to Dublin where he tried to make a living as a drawing master. He was more successful when he and his wife opened a boarding school for young ladies in Dublin. He also taught French and had several French textbooks published.


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