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

### First Voyage: Endeavour 1768 - 1771

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<th>Name:</th>
<th>John THURMAN</th>
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| Personal Details: | Few personal details known as Thurman was an “impressed” member of the crew.  
Born about 1748.  
Died on 3 February 1771, and was buried at sea in the Indian Ocean. |
| Position On-Board: | A.B. seaman |

### Biographical Summary:

Endeavour arrived at Madeira in September 1768 to collect some supplies. Soon after she had arrived Alexander Weir was accidentally drowned. To replace Weir, Cook “impressed” (i.e. forced to join the crew) Thurman on 14 September 1768 from a New York sloop which was anchored at Funchal, Madeira.

Thurman, was punished on several occasions during the voyage for his behaviour. On 11 November 1768, whilst the ship was visiting Rio de Janeiro, he received 12 lashes after refusing to assist the sailmaker. Refusal to obey an order was considered mutinous by some officers. The situation was not repeated as Thurman was appointed as sailmaker’s mate.

He also received 12 lashes on 12 June 1769, at Tahiti after he was found guilty of stealing some property from an islander.

He did not survive the voyage, being fatally infected by the contaminated fresh-water brought on board at Batavia.

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