Name: Archibald WOLFE

Personal Details:
Came from Edinburgh, where he was born about 1729.
Died at sea on 31 January 1771, and was buried in the Indian Ocean.

Position On-Board: AB seaman

Biographical Summary:

He joined the Endeavour on 17 June 1768.

On 4th June 1769, Wolfe broke into one of the ship’s store rooms and stole a large quantity of spike nails. These nails were highly valued by the Tahitians. When the theft was discovered Wolfe was punished with 24 lashes. This was the maximum permitted number of lashes in a day that could be delivered as a punishment. This reflects how seriously Cook judged the theft.

He appears to have died without making out a Will.

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