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The British Marines





Captain Charles Auriol, H.M. Corps. of Marines, and the Auriol and Dashwood Families in Calcutta
by Johann Zoffany c. 1783 - 1787
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Second Lieutenant William Binley, H.M. Corps. of Marines
by English School c. 1782 - 1783
(Trevise, Cornwall, National Trust)



First Lieutenant and Quartermaster Bartholomew Chaundy, Plymouth Division, H.M. Corps. of Marines
by English School c. 1762
(Bonhams)



Second Lieutenant Laurence Desborough, H.M. Corps. of Marines
by Sarah Harrington c. 1775
(Cynthia Walmsley Antiques)



Lieutenant George Dyer, H.M. Corps. of Marines, Light Infantry
by James Northcote
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Medal Awarded to 21 Year Old Captain Peter Ewing of H.M. Marines
For His Actions on the 17th of June Where He Lost an Arm in Combat
(Heritage Auction House)



Captain Thomas Fowke, 38th Company, H.M. Corps. of Marines
by British School c. 1776
(Royal Maritime Museum, Greenwich)



Second Lieutenant Gerard Gosselin, H.M. Corps of Marines
English School c. 1780 - 1783
(Ken Martin Collection - Loaned to Castine Historical Society)



Captain James George Posser, H.M. Corps of Marines
English School (Engraved Late 18th - Early 19th Century After His Passing) c. 1776 - 1780
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Engraved by J. Green, M.D. from a Drawing by the Rev. J. H. Griffith, Esq.
JOHN HUGH GRIFFITH ESQ.^r

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Second Lieutenant Arthur Mackie of Huntingdon, H.M. Corps of Marines
by John Smart 1781
(Private Collection)



Captain the Honorable John Maitland of the 109th Company, Corps of Marines
by Sir Joshua Reynolds c. 1765
(Welch Castle & Museum)



Captain Molesworth Phillips, Chatham Division, British Corps. of Marines - Survivor of Kealakekua Bay, Hawaii
c. 1781
(Nottingham City Museums)



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Major John Pitcairne, H.M. Corps. of Marines
by Paul Revere c. 1774 - 1775
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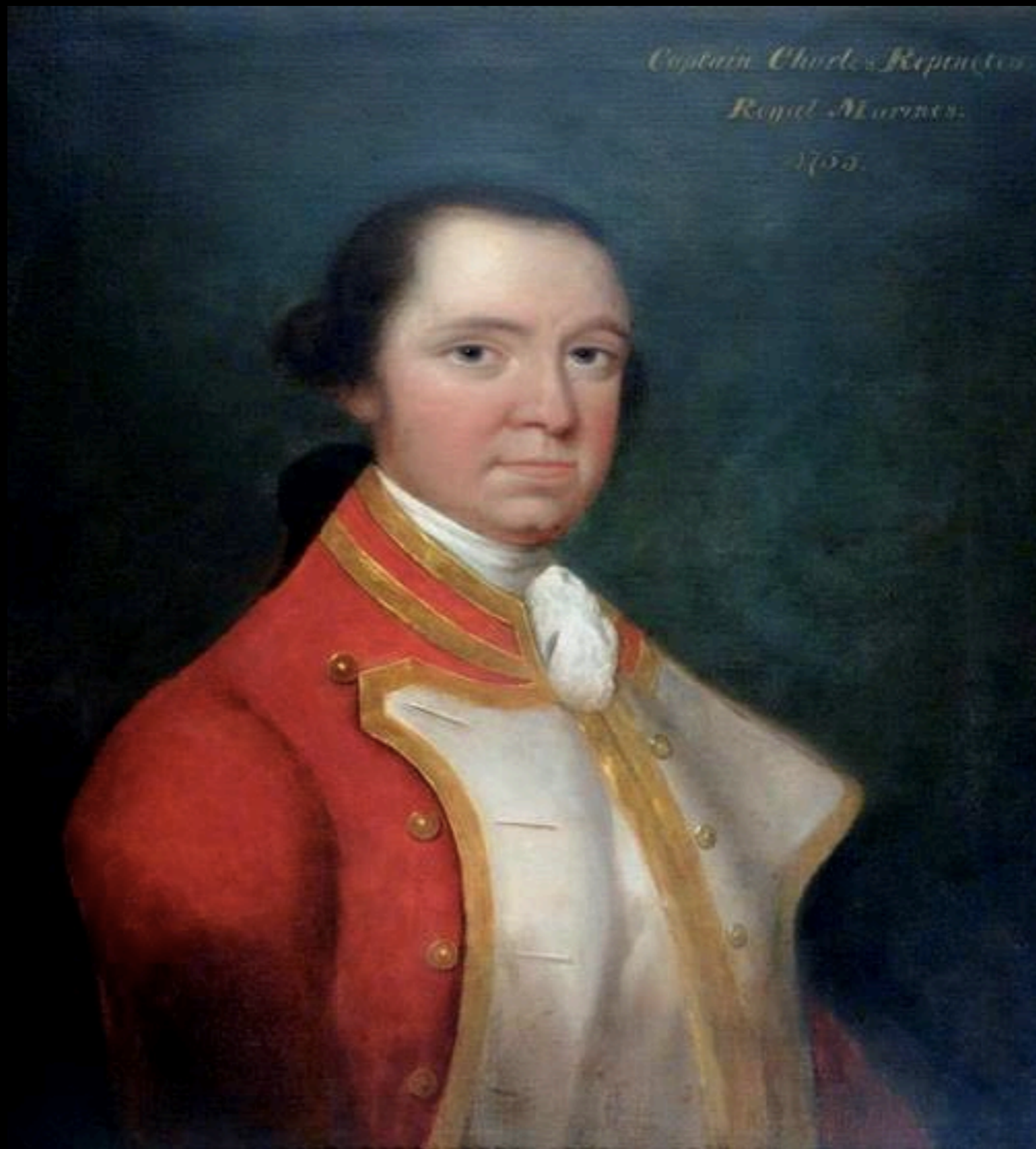
The Death of General Warren at the Battle of Bunker Hill. June 17, 1775
by John Trumbull c. 1785 - 1786
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The Crypt of Major John Pitcairn
Christ Church, Boston



Captain Charles Repington, H.M. Corps. of Marines
English School 1755
(Royal Marine Museum)



Lieutenant Squire of the British Marines
by John Singleton Copley
(Private Collection)



Captain John Webber, H.M. Corps. of British Marines
by James Sharpies c. 1776 - 1783
(Frick Art Reference Library)



Unknown British Infantry or Marine Officer
by the Circle of Pompeo Batoni 1761
(Doyle New York)



Unknown British Marine Officer
by John Singleton Copley
(Frick Art Reference Library)



Unknown Marine Officer
by the Circle of John Dowman c. 1770s
(Bonham's)



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Unknown Marine Officer
c. 1775
(Private Collection)



Unknown Marine Officer
c. 1775
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Unknown British Marine Officer
by English School c. 1775
(National Army Museum)



Unknown Officer of the Corps. of Marines
c. 1780
(Royal Marines Museum)



Wife of Unknown Officer of the Corps. of Marines
c. 1780
(Royal Marines Museum)



Unknown British Marine Officer
c. 1775
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of the 9th Regiment of Marines

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1745

British 9th Marines
1745
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A VIEW of the ENDEAVOUR'S Watering-place in the Bay of GOOD SUCCESS

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Marine Leaning on a Pile of Bales
by Lt. Gabriel Bay 1774
(National Maritime Museum)

Four Marines eating Pease on board the Pallas, Novr 74
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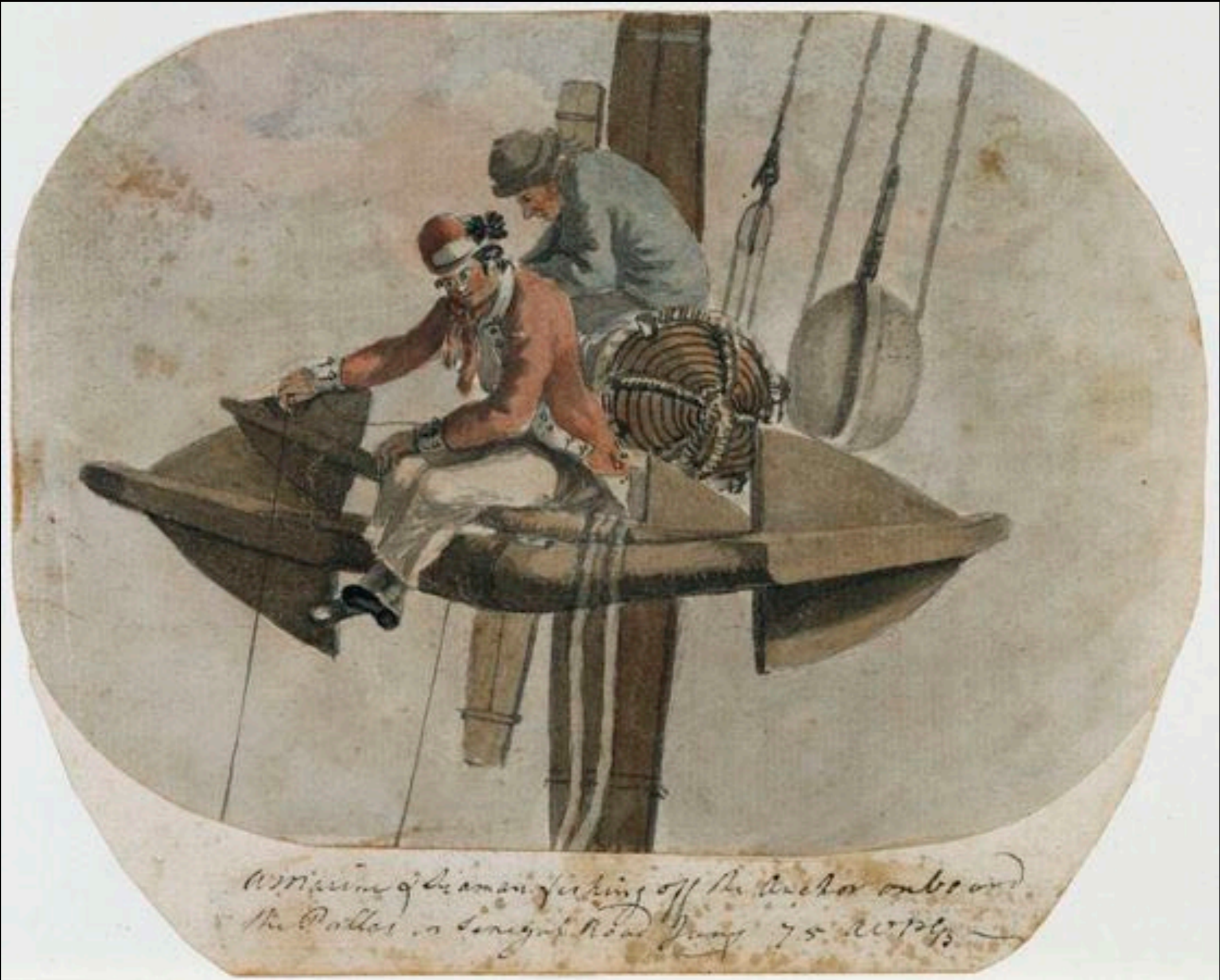
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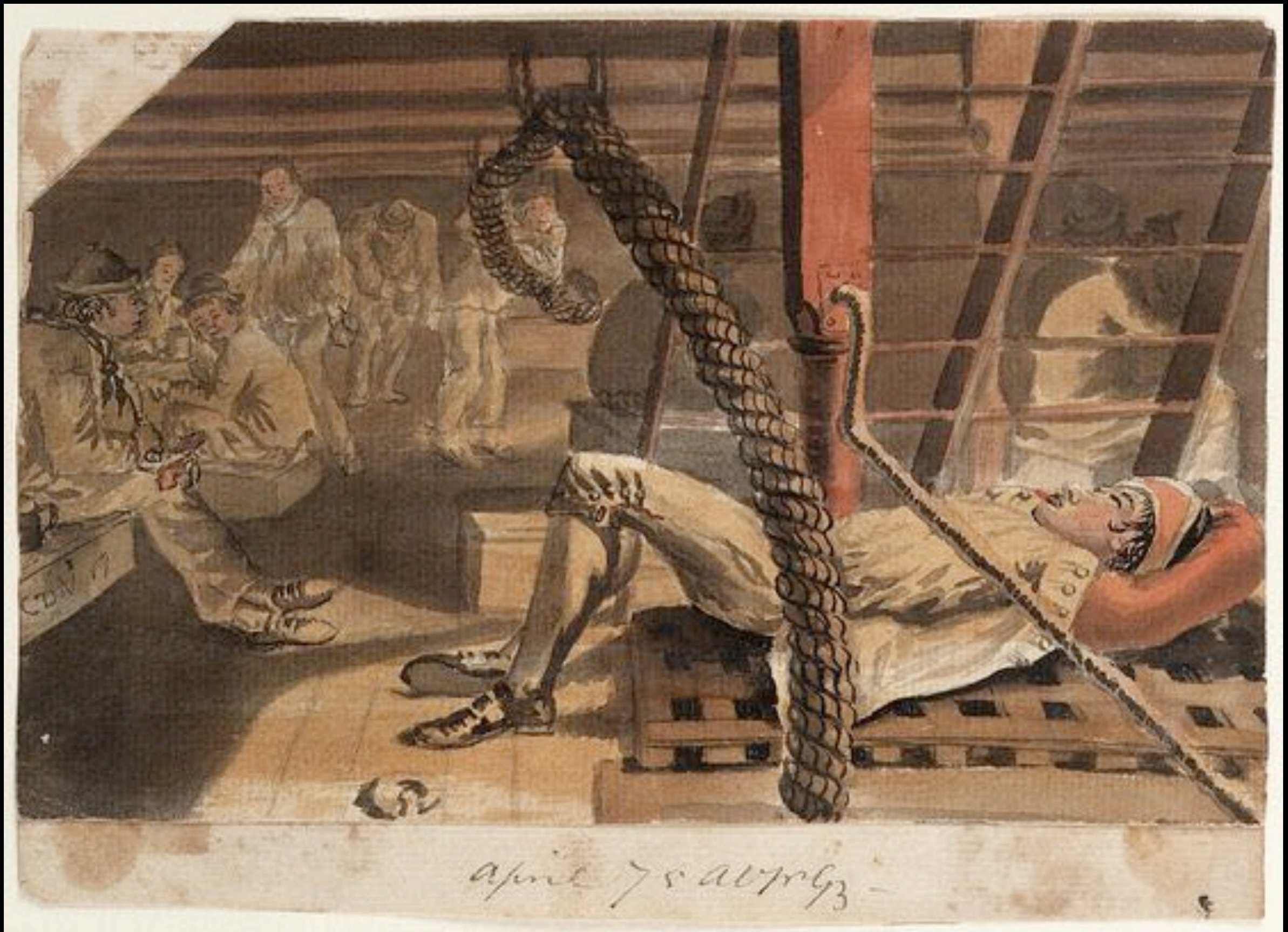
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"A Centinel on the Pallas's Gangway"
by Lt. Gabriel Bay January 1775
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“A Marine & Seaman fishing off the Anchor on board the Pallas in Senegal Road”
by Lt. Gabriel Bay January 1775
(National Maritime Museum)



A Marine asleep beneath a companionway on the Pallas
by Lt. Gabriel Bay April 1775
(National Maritime Museum)



Seaman Relaxing on the Pallas
by Lt. Gabriel Bay April 1775
(National Maritime Museum)



“Two Marines on the Pallas's Gangway”
by Lt. Gabriel Bay January 1775
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The Death of Captain James Cook
by George Carter 1783
(Bernice P. Bishop Museum)



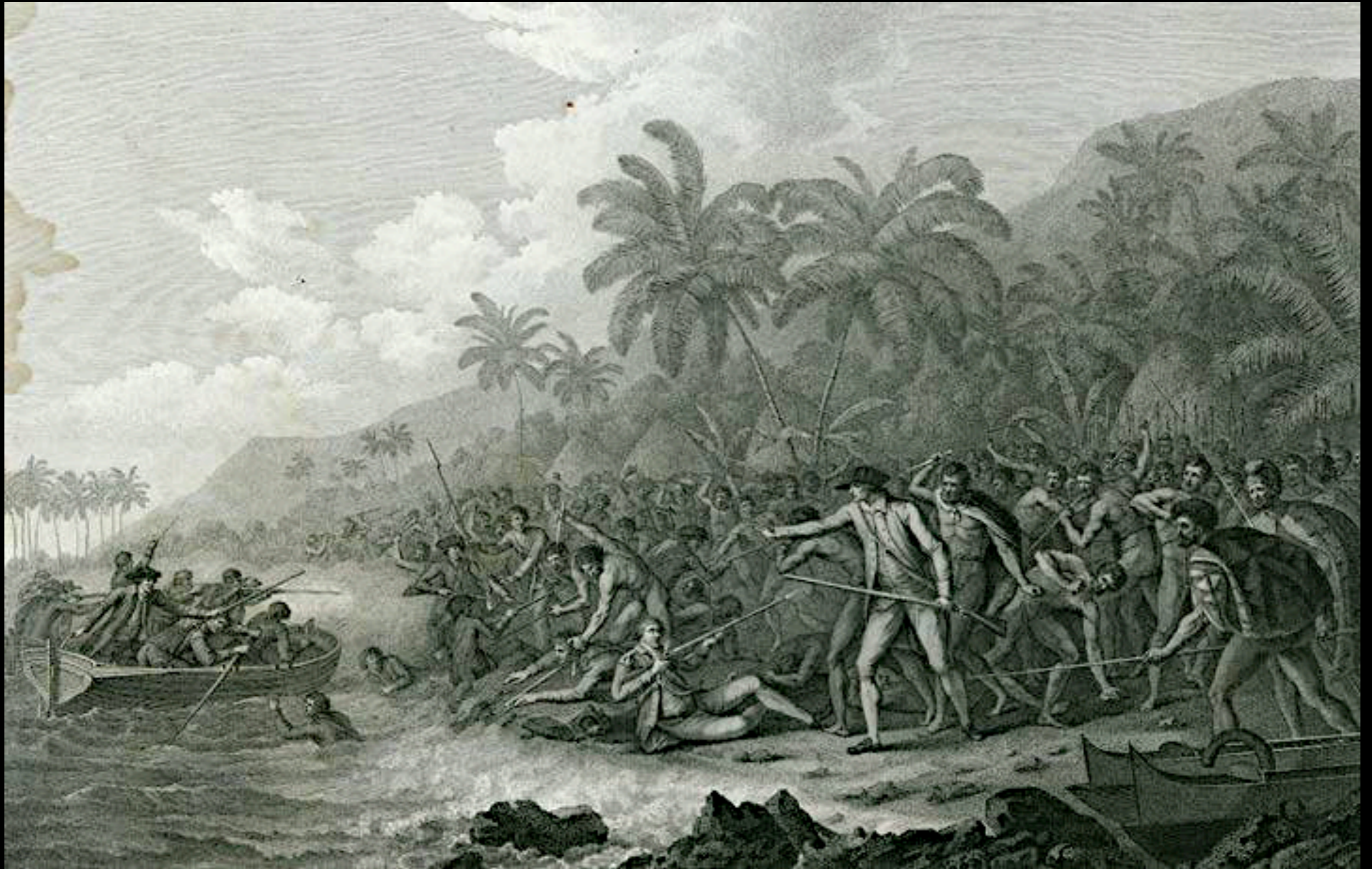
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"A Depiction of the Death of Cook, Kealakekua Bay, Hawaii, on 14th February 1779"
by John Webber 1784
(Tepapa)



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Published as the Act directs 1 July 1785 by W. Byrne, No. 79 Titchfield Street, & J. Webber, no. 312 Oxford Street.
(Collection of the Captain Cook Birthplace Museum)



Representation of the Murder of Capt Cook at O-Why-ee

“Representation of the Murder of Capt. Cook at O Why -ee”
by John Rickman “Journal of Captain Cook’s Last Voyage”
(Public Domain)



The Death of Captain James Cooke, 14 February, 1779
by Johann Zofanny c. 1795
(Vienna Museum)



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Copy of a letter from an Officer
at Boston dated 21 June 1775

I must refer you to the public papers
for the particulars of an Action that has been very fatal to the
1st Battalion of Marines, as well as to most of the Corps concerned in
it. On the 17th Inst. we were ordered to March to the North
Battering in Boston, & there to wait till ordered to Embark for Charle
Town side. Which was done as soon as the Grounds of Light
Infantry of the Army had landed & formed in good order on the
Plain, at a proper and safe distance from a Redoubt that was
render'd more formidable by the difficult access to it, as it stood on
the summit of a Hill rising gradually from its Base, cover'd
with Trees stone walls, & such, as soon as our Battalion were
in the Boats Major Pitcairn gave directions to be landed,
as near the Redoubt as possible as the Light Infantry had done
(tho' at a great distance) began the attack, we landed
accordingly where we were attack'd before I could get those in
the first Boat formed, however, we soon formed into tolerable
order with the help of one Man only, and then March'd into
a Field where we form'd in Line with the 43rd & 17th Reg^{ts} and
were then order'd to make ourselves busy laying on the Grass,
we were soon order'd to advance and attack the natural
defences of the Redoubt, and to form attack also at all times.
We gain'd Ground on the Enemy but slowly, as the Oaks
Hedges & stone walls broke at every time we got over them
and several men were shot, in the Act of climbing them.
We at length overcame these difficulties with very little loss,
till we came to the Talus of the Redoubt at the bottom of which
was a Road with Hedges & Trees on each side besides a low
stone wall on the part we were jumbled together. I say

Letter of Lieutenant John Walter of the 1st Battalion of British Marines
June 21, 1775
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A Coat Belonging to Major General Arthur Tooker Collins of the British Marines
Not a British Marine Coat
(National Maritime Museum)



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Lieutenant Colonel David Hepburn of the British Marines (Fought at Belle Isle, 1761)
by Watson c. 1780
(Royal Marines Museum)

Clothing
&
Accoutrements



Marine Officer Repousse Button
Dated from the Time of the American Revolution
(Don Troiani)



British Marine Grenadier Cap
c. Late 1780s - 1790s
(Royal Marines Museum)



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(Royal Marines Museum)



British Marine Belt Plate
18th Century
(Don Troiani)



British Marine Belt Plates Similar to those Excavated at North American Sites
From the Wreck of the H.M.S. Sirius Sunk off the Coast of Australia in 1790



Plate Excavated at Yorktown, Virginia
Possibly Associated with the British Marines (Cap Plate?)
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Marine Caps

”According to “Rules and Regulations while on Shore, NA ADM 96/3, 1759” the sea necessaries issued to every marine upon entry unto the ship included bedding, a red cloth jacket, pair of stockings, pair of shoes, two chequered shirts, a leather cap and a haversack.

John Macintyre's 1763 "A military treatise on the discipline of the marine forces" also makes explicit mention of caps for marines to wear at sea...and that they must be altered to fit well, suggesting that they were purpose made and not made of felt by cutting down the previous years issue hat.”

Matthew Brenckle



Details: British Marine Cap
by Lt. Gabriel Bay 1774
(National Maritime Museum)

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