

Remarks On Board The Ship Hoagua

Saturday 5th Day of March 1836

P.M. Commences with strong winds from the East & fine weather shortened sail nights & made sail in the morning. At 10 P.M. Ends with light breezes clear & warm weather the watch employed in Ships Duty to work on the rigging & other necessary work Course Steered N.W. & latitude Obs. 24-03 long at 2 P.M. 46-43

Sunday 6th Day

All these 24 hours light & baffling breezes clear & hot weather. Ends with a fine breeze from the Westward Course.

Latitude By Obs 26-54 longitude at 2 P.M. 45-23

So one Day has past one week & months are gone & since we left our Native Shores & soon one year will pass away but before two shall pass away may we be blest to see our Native Shores & Country again & meet our friends relatives & those that we have best enjoying health & all other blessings that our liberal Country does allow of both Temporal & Spiritual may we be at present with out Doubt enjoying a greater share of those blessings than we the sailors are whilst in the seventh Day or the appointed one for rest we see our little ship is splitting along through the seas so deep we are on the masthead so high looking all around with a sharp & a glittering eye to see if we can see a monster blow & then so quickly we will our boats lower away & after him go if fortune does us best we will board him & make him our prize then him along side cut mince bail bail raul best kump lower him away below & stow him away in away in our run & when we get home will fetch more than brandy or rum

Monday 7th Day

All these 24 hours fine breezes from the N.W. & S.W. & pleasant weather shortened at sunset & laid to all night & made sail in the morning at 10 A.M. made land the Island of Madagascar Bearing about N.E. by Campbell's Head the yards halled on the wind with our starboard tacks aboard to cruise for whale three boats crews on deck employed in Ships duty Latitude Obs 25-50 longitude at 2 P.M. 45-03 miles to the South of the 24th Obs. 45-03 S. 50 E.

In The Indian Ocean Bound For The Channel

Tuesday 8th Day of March 1836

P.M. Commences with fresh breezes from the S.W. & passing Clouds middle part the wind light & baffling a heavy swell bearing from the S.W. & pleasant the sea has an appearance of a strong current setting to the S.W. Carried sail all these 24 hours with our starboard tacks aboard making about S.S.E. Course sent up J.P.G. yard the watch employed in Ships Duty latitude By Obs 26-47 South longitude at 2 P.M. 46-24

Wednesday 9th Day

The first part of this Day fresh breezes from the S.W. & some squally middle part moderate at 10 A.M. raised a school of sperm whales lowered all 4 boats & got only one about 25 lb. whale. Ends with light breezes clear & warm weather latitude 27-53

Thursday 10th Day

P.M. Commences with light winds from the S.E. & pleasant weather cut in the whole made sail our course from N.W. to N.E. W. here 24 hours bound in to S.W. Augusteen Bray to get water & wood later part fresh breezes from the S.E. & pleasant the watch employed in Baiting sent up M.R. Mast latitude 26-38

Friday 11th Day

All these 24 hours light winds & variable at 4 A.M. could down the works all the blubber bailed out bent fore & main J.G. sails sent up fore & main royal masts & out of boom at 10 tacked ship with our starboard tacks aboard the wind about N.W. latitude 35-34 longitude at 2 P.M. 43-51 Long At 10 A.M. 42-42