

Remarks On Board Bound To Madagascar 1856

Saturday 12th Day of March

All these 24 hours light winds from West to S.W. E. Clear Warm & pleasant weather. With all sail set & the watch employed in ships duty Latitude by Obs 22° 17'

Long by Obs at 10 A.M. 42° 51' by Lunar

Sunday 13th Day

L.M. Commences with light breezes from the S.W. & pleasant weather. At 6 Strong winds & passing clouds. Made the land shortend sail & stood off at 2 P.M. were Ship at 5 Made sail made the land at daylight about 15 miles to the South of Sandy island at 11 past Sandy island the Entrance of Augusteen Bay at 12 Meridian Came to anchor to the head of the Bay where the ships anchor in 6 fathoms water with our Starboard anchor held the sails & got Cast ready for water rafting the ship Margerett of St. Johns & ship Golden Farmer of Fall River leighing to anchor we were visited by 3 boats of the natives on canoes & took there Departure at sunset so Ends these 24 hours leighing to anchor in the Augusteen Bay standing anchor watch with a fine & cool breeze from the land so Ends these this Day including 36 hours

Monday 14th Day

This Day Commences with light winds from the Eastward & pleasant weather at 4 A.M. started with 4 raft. N. of Cast for water At 9 got 9 along side with 19 Cask of water hoister it out started at 10 P.M. through the haze 5 went ashore & got a Bullock fetched him up in the boat & killed him were were visited by a good number of the natives both men women & children this day Ends with light winds of shore & pleasant weather

Tuesday 15th Day

Commences with light winds & pleasant weather at 4 A.M. started with a raft of 19 Casks for water towed from the Board hauled them in & started its two Boats Crews ashore on liberty. Came on Board about sunset the S. ship China arrived from Cape of Good Hope last port with 16 hundred of right whale oil Ends with light of shore wind & pleasant weather

Remarks On Board in St. Augusteen Bay

Wednesday 16 Day of March 1856

All this Day Thisday Commences with light winds from the Eastward & fine weather Middle part a light sea Breeze or a S.W. Breeze At 4 P.M. a squall Came of the land attended with thunder lightning & some rain painted Ship this Day & one half of the Crew on shore on liberty Ends with a fine land breeze & pleasant weather the Sea Breeze springs up from 9 to 11 O'clock A.M. & continues to blow until 7 to 9 P.M. a strong breeze in general & then it shifts of the land the wind is general light & very warm in the fore part of the day

Thursday 18th Day

All this Day the wind light from its usual quarters warm & pleasant weather two Boats Crews a shore on liberty we Came of about 5 P.M. the Natives of this island are black but not so black as the Africans are the men are a middling size many of them handsome & expert well built their clothing is what they call clanty which they rap round there waist & comes nearly down to there knees there teeth are as white as any ivory they were there here all in small plots the women are small & some handsome they carry there babies on there backs under there blanket or coveren with all ease apparently fetch water wood or milk the Cows in the same position they seem to do more of the work there houses are small one room bill of flags & reeds & a sand place they hold there fire in the center for there cooking there linen is mean they eat all parts of a Bullock without much cleaning the men are employed some part of the time in fishing & getting shells they are idling about armed with muskets & spears armed against the pirates as they call them a tribe that lives back that want to take possession of there territories so as to have the trade of the ships