

1836 Remarks On Board The Ship Hongqua

Wednesday 3rd Day of June

L. W. Commences with fresh breezes from the South & some Clouds & a heavy swell running from that quarter these 24 hours Ends with light Breezes & Cloudy weather & sail in sight all heading to the westward first part spoke the Bargue. Lord, Portsmouth of London 4 months out to sail & leaky No Observation this Day Longitude at 2 P.M. 36° 22' 30"

Thursday 4th

All these 24 hours light Breezes from the S.E. & fine weather later part spoke the North America of Warren Rnd. 12 months out 1000 bbls of whale oil & sail in sight saw a plenty of Blackfish lat 26° 28' Longitude at 2 P.M. 36° 22' 30"

Friday 10th Day

All these 24 hours light Breezes from the S.E. Eastward & Calms Clear & pleasant weather & sail in sight all the later part sent down the M.T. sail yard which was condemned & sent up a new one in its place so these 24 hours ends all hands well on Board except a Canacker that I have mentioned of before he is very sick & helpless it seems as tho it was impossible for him to live many more Days unless he gets better but God is able to revive him to perfect health in a short period
Latitude Obs 26° 27' Longitude at 2 P.M. by Chron. 35° 35' 30"

Saturday 11th

All these 24 hours light Breezes from the Eastward Clear & pleasant weather first part standing to the North later part standing to the S.E. & ships in sight nothing seen these 24 hours but the wide & extensive ocean the Clear & blue sky & the brilliant sun that displays her rays on the Ocean the calm Maria put away for Delago Bay
Longitude at 3 P.M. 35° 38' 15" by Chron.

Sunday 12th

All these 24 hours light Breezes from the N.E. & clear & pleasant weather & ships in sight all these 24 hours standing to the Eastward Calm & smooth as the sea Calm & serene is the atmosphere & the sky shows clear a couler of a beautiful blue & the glory of the Day is shining forth its glorious rays on the extensive ocean so deep saw our ship lights at her bow with her lofty sails & spars in the air & her bottom in the Deep & the little flying fish for these 24 hours & we looking all around with a sharp & glancing eye from the mast head so high for a monster all the for to make him our prey

1836 Cruising In The Mosambique Chan. E. R. Moskie

Monday 13th Day of June

All these 24 hours light Breezes from the N.E. & clear weather spoke the Ship General of Wembford No sail this season Coried sail all these 24 hours & standing to the Eastward
Latitude Obs 26° 53' South

Tuesday 14th

L. W. Commences with light Breezes from the North & pleasant weather middle part calm later part a fine breeze from the South clear & fine weather all these 24 hours standing to the East the ship General to the windward nothing seen these 24 hours standing half watch
Latitude Obs 26° 31' Longitude at 2 P.M. 38° 15' 15"

Wednesday 15

L. W. Commences with fine breeze from the South & pleasant weather middle & later part strong breezes from the South & passing Clouds Carrying all sail with our shipboard to the windward & a plenty of small fish around the ship Latitude Obs 25° 28' Longitude at 2 P.M. 39° 05' East

Thursday 16th Day of June 1836
Latitude 24° 33' Longitude at 2 P.M. 40° 17'

These 24 hours Commence with fresh Breezes from the S.E. & passing Clouds at 7 P.M. Paule left the ship at 8 took in the fore & main topsails fired Mainsail at 9 Charles Died after a long & lingering sickness of 7 months on Board this ship he is a native of the Sandwich Islands he can tell us that he had the Consumption in the liver & lungs he came to America in this ship the last voyage from the South he said that he was brought up with a Christian from a Child & Educated & was taught to lead a religious life without Doubt & believe that he Died a Christian for his Conduct has been such sense he has been on Board this ship I never heard him use any bad language always quiet peaceable & willing when he was able to do Duty bore his sickness without murmuring & Died like a lamb & his spirit has gone to rest without Doubt At Salom thing to think an & a warning to all the Ships Company Salom indeed to see one of our shipmates Laid up in a blanket & a small Bag of bricks Lashed to his feet he layd on the Gunway Board with one end on the Gunwell & the other on a block at 8 P.M. all of the Ships Company were called to witness the solemn scene our ship was moving but slow the word was given by our Commander we lifted the end of the Board & slid the Corps into the Deep we looked & saw it descending quicly Down the Deep & blew water in a moment it was out of sight & God only knows who shall follow him so it stands in our hand to be ready for that moment