

Remarks On Board The Ship Hongqua Cruising

Friday 17th Day of June 1836

P.M. Commenced with strong winds from the S.E. & passing clouds at 8.30. Shortened sail later part light breezes from the North clear & warm weather under all sail standing to the East the watch employed in ships duty.
Latitude Obs 23° 31' South Longitude by Chr at 2 P.M. 41° 11' 30"

Saturday 18th

first & later part of these 24 hours light breezes from the North clear & warm weather middle part calm at ends these 24 hours at board the ship Hongqua with all sail set standing to the Eastward employed in ships duty.
Latitude by Obs 23° 47' South Longitude at 2 P.M. by Chron 42° 04' 30"

Sunday 19th

All these 24 hours light winds from the S.W. & fine weather lighting to the wind all night, running to the East S.E. first & later part under all sail. Nothing seen these 24 hours very remarkable a great plenty of small fish around the ship caught a number of others. Latitude obs Longitude at 2 P.M. 42° 36'

Monday 20th Day

the first part of these 24 hours fine breezes from the S.W. & pleasant weather at 5 P.M. saw the land Madagascar shortened sail at 8 aware ship stood of middle part & later part strong winds & clear weather an hour the M.F. sail to repair it & bent a new one latitude obs 23° 50'

Tuesday 21st

all these 24 hours strong winds from the S.S.E. & passing clouds at 2 P.M. took the Barke Octavie of New Bedford Capt Alley 12 Months out 700 lbs of sperm & 300 of whale oil all these 24 hours standing to the S.W.
Latitude obs 24° 44'

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Wednesday 22nd Day of June

All these 24 hours strong gails from the S.S.E. & fine weather first part in company with the Barke standing to the S.W. later part standing to the S.E. at 10 o'clock topsails, gill & fore & main took aboard & bearing a good strain longitude at 2 P.M. 42° 50' 15"

Thursday 23rd

first & middle part of these 24 hours strong winds from the S.S.E. & clear weather later part light breezes & pleasant weather standing to the Eastward with all sail set to good advantage.
Latitude obs 23° 56'

Friday 24th

All these 24 hours light winds from the South calm & clear & pleasant weather at 4 P.M. spoke the ship Emerald at 8:30 P.M. raised a large school of fish & lowered for them & chased them 3 hours they were going fast & could not get near enough to fasten & the ship Emeralds boats in company at 12:30 all our boats strung on the chains our sails stood to the wind with our larboard tacks aboard standing to the westward bent a new gill & M.F. g. sail these 24 hours
Latitude obs 23° 42' South

Saturday 25th

All these 24 hours fine breezes from the South & good weather at 2 P.M. lowered 3 boats for a school of Sperry whale the Barke Octavie fastened to a large whale cut the line with the second iron the whales going to the windward fast & could not come up with them the ship Emeralds fastened to two & saved none at 8 P.M. saw the land bearing about E.S.E. at 11 tacked ship about 10 miles from the land bent a new foresail these 24 hours ends with fresh breezes & clear weather with all new sails set to advantage standing up from the land latitude obs Longitude at 3:30 P.M. 43° 19' Supposed to be 1° Degree to the Eastward