

Bark Hope Outward Bound 1850

Friday November the 29 first and middle parts of this day light breezes from the southward heading to the Eastward latter part a strong gale from the south East and terrible squally with rain and a tremendous sea on and cold bad disagreeable weather at 7 o'clock P.M. have the ship too employed knotting rope yarns at 4 P.M. loved the boats for wright whales and did not succeed in getting fast then came on board as poor as ever but the cabin was full of wright whales and fin backs so ends this Day the boys singing out there shoe blows

No observation

Latitude

Longitude 22° 14' West

Saturday November the 30 all of this day a strong gale from the south East and bad rugged squally weather with fine rain and a heavy sea on steering by the wind heading south S.W. and north East employed bracking out for provision and water saw ten thousand wright whales and fin backs and sulphur bot-toms and porpoises but it was so rugged that we could not lower for them and so ends the cold bad disagreeable Day

Latitude 34° 08' South

Longitude 21° 23' West

December

Sunday December the 1 all of this day a strong breezes from the south East and rugged bad weather steering by the wind heading East north East and south by west doing nothing saw plenty of fin backs so ends this Day

Latitude 33° 58' South

Longitude 20° 33' West

Monday December the 2 all of this day a strong breezes from the East south East steering by the wind heading south and south by west and cold bad disagreeable weather employed bracking out for flour saw plenty of fin backs and saw one wright whale loved for him but without success for he was bound to the windward party knot on hour so ends this Day

Latitude 35° 38' South

Longitude 20° 10' West

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Tuesday December the 3 all of this day moderate breezes from the north East and north North East heading south East and East south East and quite pleasant but cold employed bracking out for butter and water and the carpenter making a boats mast for the larboard boat and so ends this Day the sun shining

Latitude 36° 22' South

Longitude 18° 25' West

Wednesday December the 4 first part of this day moderate breezes from the north steering East by south middle part a strong gale from the north to the north west and rugged bad squally weather with rain at 5 A.M. spoke the ship captain of new Bedford captain tabon 38 mounts out 500 bbls of sperm and 1000 bbls of wright whale bound to pernambuco and then home let her have one cask of bread for the water short of provision latter part a strong breezes from the west north west and pleasant weather employed knotting rope yarns one sail in sight and the fin backs so thick that we had to hear the ship too all night for fear of getting stove so ends this all sorts of a day

Latitude 36° 13' South

Longitude 16° 41' West

December

Thursday ~~December~~ the 5 all of this day a pleasant breezes from the west steering East south East with fine pleasant weather employed making spun yarn saw plenty of fin backs saw two wright whales and loved the boats for them but did not catch them for they were going quick and so ends this Day

Latitude 36° 10' South

Longitude 15° 12' West

Friday December the 6 first and middle parts of this day fine weather wind from the westward steering south East by East latter part strong breezes from the north East steering East south East and cold rugged cloudy weather employed making spun yarn saw the land the island of Tristan da Cunha and saw plenty of fin backs and one sail in sight so ends this Day

Latitude 36° 57' South

Longitude 13° 31' West