

Bark Hope Outward Bound 1850

Saturday December the 7 first part of this day strong breezes from the north N East steering south East by East this town Sacunha and the island of inaccessible and nightingale island in sight and plenty of birds and fin backs in sight middle and latter parts a strong gale from the north East to the south west and equally bad weather with tremendous rain squalls employed tacking ship and hanging on for life several hats blown over board but no lives lost so ends this Day

Latitude 36° 47' South
Longitude 12° 25' West

Sunday December the 8 all of this day light breezes from the south west with fine pleasant weather standing of and on at the island of this town Sacunha at 4 A.M. the captain went on shore and came of at half past 11 A.M. with 10 bags of potatoes took the boat up and were ship and stood of the land heading to the north so ends this Day fin backs in sight

Latitude 37° 12' South
Longitude 12° 10' West

Monday December the 9 all of this day standing of and on at this town Sacunha at 4 A.M. went on shore for to trade at 10 came of with three hogs saw the wreck of new Bedford 3 mounts out clean Captain Kempton bound to the north west and the wind north west so ends this Day

Latitude 37° 12' South
Longitude 12° 10' West

Tuesday December the 10 first part of this day light breezes from the north west standing of and on at the island of this town Sacunha and going on shore and boating of potatoes and hogs at 3 P.M. came of with three cask of potatoes and took them on board and it died away calm and the current was setting us on shore and we had to take the boats and to her of shore and the condor came to assist us with two boats and we made out to get her of where we took a breeze by our own exertion and the mighty hand of providence was all that saved us from being all smashed to atoms on the rocks

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middle and latter parts a terrible gale from the north and a heavy sea running mast head high steering East north East under double reefed top sails at 12 hove to heading the same so this day ends raining and blowing tremendously

No Observation Latitude 00° 00' 00"
one man had his fingers and nail lost Longitude 00° 00' 00"
some lost hats and some lost caps but no lives lost

Wednesday December the 11 first and middle parts of this day the gale raging from the north in its greatest fury and raining like thunder with terrible squalls and a heavy sea on latter part it moderated a little and the wind shifted to the north west in a heavy squall of wind and rain and then cleared up blowing a fresh breeze from the north west steering East with all sail out employed drying potatoes and our jackets and doctoring up sores so ends this abominable Day Latitude 36° 19' South

Longitude 10° 02' West

Thursday December the 12 all of this day light breezes from the southward and westward steering East and East by south with pleasant weather employed at ships duty saw nothing so ends this Day Latitude 36° 20' South

Longitude 08° 10' West

Friday December the 13 first part of this day fine pleasant weather at 1 P.M. saw sperm whales and lored the boats and the starboard boat struck first and the larboard boat next then the waist boat then the larboard boat struck again took them along side at 7 A.M. and got ready for cutting and set the watch middle and latter parts light breezes from the north East and foggy with light rain employed cutting in the whale the larboard boat lost a line nothing in sight but big birds what the sailors call gony so ends this Day

Latitude 36° 24' South

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