

Bark Hope Outward Bound 1850

Monday December the 23 first part of this day strong breezes from the west north west steering south East by south middle part hove to with all sail in latter part a strong breezes from the northward and westward steering south East by south and had squally foggy weather employed braking out for water and molasses ground a new landing knife ^{so ends} this Day the old ship bottom up Latitude 35° 30' South Longitude 00° 50' East

Tuesday December the 24 all of this day strong breezes from the west north west with bad squally foggy weather steering south East by south and north East hove to at night with all sail in heading to the south & west employed at ships duty saw fin backs caught a porpoise and so ends this Day the fog so thick that we cant brace the main yard round that had Latitude 35° 28' South Longitude 01° 46' East

Wednesday December the 25 all of this day strong breezes from the west north west and squally and foggy with fine rain steering north East and East by north hove to at night with all sail in employed at ships duty mending boats sails saw fin backs so ends this Day Latitude 34° 19' South Longitude 02° 38' East

Thursday December the 26 first and middle parts of this day strong breezes from the west north west steering East and cold cloudy weather latter part light breezes from the west north west steering south East and the sun shining employed at ships duty un-shipt the wheel and put in a new spoke saw one hump back so ends this Day Latitude 33° 31' South Longitude 03° 47' East

Friday December the 27 all of this day light breezes from the west north west steering south and south & west took in sail at night employed mending the main sail so ends this day the weather looks good Latitude 34° 15' South Longitude 03° 51' East

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Saturday December the 28 all of this day strong breezes from the west north west steering south & west took in sail at night finished mending the main sail and bent it to the yard nothing in sight so ends this Day Latitude 35° 21' South Longitude 03° 40' East

Sunday December the 29 first part of this day a moderate gale from the west north west with fog and fine rain heading to the northward middle and latter parts light breezes from the south steering north East by East looking for whales but nothing in sight killed a tristan & acunha hog and had him for dinner so ends this all sorts of a sunday Latitude 35° 38' South Longitude 03° 55' East

Monday December the 30 first and middle parts of this day light wind and calm and variable heading to the northward and Eastward latter part a strong breezes from the north and cloudy steering by the wind heading to the East north East employed braking out sails to get a main top sail for to bend while we mend the old one so ends this Day No Observation Latitude 00° 00' South Longitude 00° 00' East

Tuesday December the 31 all of this day light breezes from every point of the compass steering various courses and looking for whales some foggy the first part employed mending the main top sail nothing in sight so ends this Day so ends this month and so ends this year

Latitude 34° 13' South Longitude 04° 43' East