

Bark Hope in the indian Ocean 1851

Thursday January the 30 first and middle parts of this day strong breezes from the north east latter part a gale from the north N East heading East south East and East by south under double reefed topsails main sail and jib and spanker furled and a terrible rough sea on employed mending and bending the flying jibb saw porpoisses and nothing else so ends this Day bad Day

Latitude 36° 31' South
Longitude 34° 04' East

Friday January the 31 all of this day strong breezes from the north N East heading to the East with rough bad weather at 3 P.M. took in the main top gallan sail and double reefed the fore and main top sails at 7 P.M. put out the waist boat and shook out the reefs and set the main top gallan sail and hoisted overboard one bbl of rotten mackerel so ends this Day nothing in sight

Latitude 36° 03' South
Longitude 36° 17' East

February

Saturday February the 1 first part of this day light breezes from the north N East middle and latter part strong breezes from the north heading East and East by north with terrible bad rough weather employed bracking out for water and butter and ten thousand other jobs to numerous to mention so end this Day rowling and pitching like damnation nothing in sight but shagreened water

Latitude 35° 40' South
Longitude 38° 11' East

Sunday February the 2 all of this day light breezes from the north heading East north East with pleasant weather killed a hog and had a blow out on fresh pork so ends this pleasant Sunday nothing in sight

Latitude 34° 53' South
Longitude 39° 03' East

Monday February the 3 all of this day light breezes from the north and north N East heading north N East and East with pleasant weather saw grampusses and lightning employed ramracking the fore hole over and washing old rags so ends this Day looking out for whales

Latitude 34° 17' South
Longitude 40° 35' East

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Tuesday February the 4 first part of this day light breezes from the north east heading East middle part tacked ship and stood north N west latter part tacked ship and stood to the East with fine weather and light breezes from the north N East employed doing nothing but looking at the sky and the sea so ends this Day washing the cabin

Latitude 33° 58' South
Longitude 40° 54' East

Wednesday February the 5 first part of this day light breezes from the north N East heading East middle and latter part light variable wind from the southward and westward with light squalls of rain and calm steering north N East employed at some light jobs on the riggin the cooper making garroy fresh water buckets saw grampusses and one big shark so ends this Day

Latitude 33° 35' South
Longitude 41° 14' East

Thursday February the 6 first part of this day light breezes wind from the southward and eastward middle and latter part a terrible gale from the south west and variable to the south East with some lightning and awful squalls of wind and rain and a heavy sea on steering north N East at 10 P.M. took in the light sails and double reefed the top sails and furled the main sail and put all the boats on the upper cranes and a bad job to for it was raining and blowing like hell saw one sail steering East so ends this Day

Latitude 31° 22' South
Longitude 40° 46' East

Friday February the 7 all of this day fresh gales from the south East steering north East by north with rugged weather under foot and fare overhead employed bracking out for water saw two sails so ends this Day

Latitude 28° 13' South
Longitude 41° 02' East

Saturday February the 8 all of this day moderate gales from the south East steering north N East with all sail out and fare weather employed at several jobs fitting the riggin for the main royal yard and painting it the carpenter making a fore royal yard and so ends this Day we are bound to shive the fore and main royal yards all ready to go up

Latitude 25° 07' South
Longitude 41° 09' East