

Bark Hope in the indian Ocean 1851

Sunday February the 9 first and middle parts of this day fresh gales from the south east latter part strong gales from the south east steering north North East at 10 AM took in the light sails and double reefed the fore top sail at 2 PM saw europa rocks or islands in the mozambique channel so ends this Day. Round down the channel eight knots an hour Latitude 22° 12' South Longitude 46° 37' East

Monday February the 10 first and middle parts of this day strong breezes from the south east latter part light breezes and variable from the south east to south with light squalls of rain and some lightning steering north East by north employed sending up the main royal yard and making fine preparation for rigging the main boat so ends this Day nothing in sight Latitude 19° 38' South Longitude 41° 16' East

Tuesday February the 11 first and middle parts of this day strong breezes from the south east to the south and squally bad weather with rain latter part a terrible gale from the south to the west with rain and heavy gusts of wind and thunder and lightning and as dark as pitch we smelt brimstone at every flash steering north East by north under close reefed main top sail and fore sail this is the mozambique channel and a devil of a place to but we are bound through it die on live employed bracking out for small stores and provision so ends this had disagreeable omnipotent Day nothing in sight but Latitude 17° 19' South Longitude 36° 36' East

Wednesday February the 12 all of this day light and strong breezes from the north west and north steering north East and East north East with some squalls of rain employed bracking out for water and beef sent up the fore royal yard we are all tanto fore and main royal yards aloft so ends this Day Latitude 15° 35' South Longitude 43° 23' East

Thursday February the 13 all of this day light variable wind from every point of the compass and squally with rain steering east north east and north west employed bracking out tow line in the aft star hole and stowing it in the fore hole to keep the ship from going down stern fore mast nothing in sight but lightning so ends this Day Latitude 13° 08' South Longitude 43° 48' East

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Friday February the 14 all of this day strong breezes from the north and north N west and squally with rain and thunder and lightning at 8 PM took in the light sails and double reefed the fore top sail at 5 AM shook out the reefs and set all sail employed sending down the studding sails booms and stowing them away and getting ready for whaling so ends this squally Day Latitude N Longitude Observation

Saturday February the 15 all of this day the wind from the northward steering East north East with bad squally weather and rain and thunder and lightning and thunder bolts and heavy gusts of wind and water spouts and dark black cloudy weather all day employed making and taking in sail and clewing down and clewing up sails and stripping the old bark to a bare ganicle and tumbling about deck darning our hard fate as meet as drowned rats so ends this Day most out of the mozambique channel Latitude 14° 01' South Longitude 46° 17' East

Sunday February the 16 first and middle parts of this day light breezes from the north and squally with rain and thunder and lightning latter part light breezes from the north and pleasant weather steering East north East 4 hours standing to the west north west so ends this Day nothing in sight Latitude 13° 26' South Longitude 47° 36' East

Monday February the 17 all of this day light breezes from the north and fine pleasant weather steering East north East first part middle part steering west north west latter part steering East by north employed working on the rigging nos bah island and madagascar in sight so ends this Day as hot as you please Latitude 13° 04' South Longitude 47° 46' East

Tuesday February the 18 all of this day light breezes from the northward and calm and hot weather heading north East by north employed fitting the new main boat and some other jobs on the ship saw grampuse and sharks and all hands went overboard and had a fine swim saw plenty of lightning in the night madagascar still in sight so ends this Day calm as a clock Latitude 12° 41' South Longitude 48° 01' East