

Bark Hope in the indian Ocean 1851

Wednesday February the 19 all of this day light variable wind and calm with some light squalls of rain and thunder and lightning trying to steer East north East employed bracing out for watter deep and frank and got out 2 quarts of corn broke the run out and got one gill of faint oil to make the wheel shine and sent down the main spruce gaff the cooper making buckets caught one porpoise madagascar in sight and plenty of sharks have the lead on devils bank forty five fathoms of watter potash flap jacks for breakfast started one cask of bread so ends this Day hot as hell the wind has been from every point of the compass Day some dard black clouds all round the house to Day hope folks will be calm as the Latitude 12° 18' south weather is

Longitude 48° 28' East

Thursday February the 20 first and middle parts of this day light breezes from every point of the compass and squally with rain and thunder and lightning latter part light breezes from the south and fine weather steering north East employed working on the riggin the cooper making buckets so ends this Day nothing in sight

Latitude 10° 46' south
Longitude 49° 09' East

Friday February the 21 first and middle parts of this day calm latter part light breezes from the south steering north East by East with pleasant weather employed taring down the riggin loved the boat to practice set boats crew watches and took in sail at night saw gumphers and porpoises so ends this Day

Latitude 10° 00' south
Longitude 49° 21' East

Saturday February the 22 first and middle parts of this day light breezes from the south & East steering north East by East latter part light breezes from the East ^{south} East heading East employed working on the riggin taring and turning up the fore top mast back stays and looking for whales 6 men aloft so ends this Day

Latitude 08° 50' south
Longitude 50° 16' East

Sunday February the 23 all of this day light breezes from the southward and calm with some squalls of rain the middle part and plenty of lightning steering East killed a hog and had sea pie for dinner so ends this Day saw nothing but ticks & flies

Latitude 08° 29' south
Longitude 51° 07' East

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Monday February the 24 all of this day light breezes from the north west to the south East and some awful squalls of rain and thunder and lightning steering East employed getting the jib briggie painted the starboard boat and the rain washed it all off and we all came verry near being drowned it rain so fast if we can call it rain i call it coming down in big lumps saw fin backs and cow fish so ends this Day it rained fast enough to drown all the whales in the indian ocean

Latitude 08° 00' south
Longitude 51° 39' East

Tuesday February the 25 first and middle parts of this day light breezes from the west and west south west with rain steering East latter part heading south 4 hours and then wore ship and stood to the north East under double reefed top sails jib spanker and main sail and fore top sail furled the wind from the north west and blowing a strong gale and fitenly of rain nothing in sight but clouds and watter employed putting the harness cask down below so ends this squally Day

Latitude 07° 38' south
Longitude 52° 44' East

Wednesday February the 26 all of this day the wind from the north west and squally with rain steering East first and middle parts latter part steering north north East employed at some light jobs about the ship saw nothing so ends this Day

Latitude 07° 01' south
Longitude 54° 51' East

Thursday February the 27 first and middle parts of this day strong breezes from the north west with some terrible squalls of wind and rain steering north north East latter part strong breezes from the north west steering south west 3 hours then wore ship to the north N East employed doing nothing saw nothing so ends this Day

Latitude 06° 00' south
Longitude 55° 38' East

Friday February the 28 first and middle parts of this day strong breezes from the north west steering north East with bad squally weather and plenty of rain latter part light breezes from north N west steering north East employed bracing out for watter and of flour saw the island of platte and fast it at 15.36

Latitude 04° 54' south
Longitude 56° 59' East