

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1851

Sunday March the 23 all of this day light breezes from the west north west and fine weather steering by the wind heading to the northward and westward plenty of porpoisses and fish and birds in sight and fresh pork for dinner so ends this Day
Latitude 03° 32' South
Longitude 55° 40' East

Monday March the 24 all of this day light breezes from the north west heading to the north and south south west employed breaking out and stowing down oil and stowing of bread and flour at 2 P.M. saw Dennis island and plenty of birds and fish and porpoisses and so ends this Day
Latitude 03° 14' South
Longitude 55° 58' East
hard days work
Dennis Island

Tuesday March the 25 all of this day light breezes from the north west steering south west and west south west with fine pleasant weather employed at a little of every thing broke out the sloop chest so ends this Day
Latitude 03° 16' South
Longitude 55° 58' East

Wednesday March the 26 all of this day light breezes from the north west heading to the northward with fine pleasant weather at 2 P.M. saw sperm whales and looked for them and the waist boat struck and took him along side at 6 P.M. and got supper and set the watch and employed getting ready for cutting and finished out long at 11 P.M. saw plenty of birds and fish so ends this Day
Latitude 03° 29' South
Longitude 55° 38' East
Waist boat

Thursday March the 27 all of this day fresh breezes from the north west heading south west by west with fine pleasant weather employed bowling the whale and looking for moor saw Dennis island so ends this Day
Latitude 03° 30' South
Longitude 55° 38' East

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Friday March the 28 all of this day light breezes from the north west heading north to East and south west by west with pleasant weather finished bowling at 8 P.M. the rest of the day employed at various jobs about the ship saw nothing so ends this
Latitude 03° 27' South
Longitude 55° 39' East

Saturday March the 29 all of this day light breezes from the northward and fine weather heading to the westward employed coopersing out at 8 A.M. saw a sperm whale and looked for the same and the larboard boat took him a long side at 12 P.M. so ends this Day
Latitude 03° 24' South
Longitude 55° 30' East
larboard boat

Sunday March the 30 all of this day light breezes from the north west heading to the south west and the best kind of weather and the old sog along side employed cutting and breaking out of casks and ten thousand other jobs every thing is all life and hard work at 6 P.M. commenced bowling saw Dennis island and plenty of porpoisses birds and fish so ends this Day don't think much about going to church if it is Sunday
Latitude 03° 33' South
Longitude 55° 27' East

Monday March the 31 all of this day calm hot weather and the sun hotter than a ball of fire employed bowling on the whale and breaking out of casks and the cooper setting them up and ten thousand other jobs to numerous to mention Dennis island in sight and plenty of birds and fish finished bowling the whale at 10 A.M. so ends this hot Day
Latitude 03° 27' South
Longitude 55° 35' East