

Bark Hope in the indian Ocean 1851

Wednesday April the 9 first and middle parts of this day calm latter part light breezes from the East steering south with some light squalls of rain finished stowing down oil at 4 P.M. and the rest of the day employed braking out the fore hole and setting up shoeks so ends this Day

Latitude 02° 54' South

Longitude 55° 46' East

Thursday April the 10 all of this day light breeze from the Eastward and calm with some light squalls of rain heading to the south and south S.W. employed setting up shoeks and stowing sails and rigging and several other jobs to numerous to mention so ends this hot Day saw nothing. Latitude 03° 10' South

Longitude 55° 43' East

Friday April the 11 all of this day light breezes land calm and squally with rain the wind from every point of the compass ten times over heading thirty different courses not all at a time employed coopering some oil casks and fitting boats and getting ready for more whales at 12 P.M. saw a sail to the north west so ends this Day

Latitude 03° 30' South

Latitude 55° 46' East

Saturday April the 12 all of this day calm and hot weather heading to the southward employed at a little of every thing finished coopering the old oil casks and stowed them down in the main hole and then gave the old bark a good washing fore and aft for it is Sunday to morrow and we have got no oil to stow down saw nothing but birds so ends this Day

Latitude 03° 23' South

Longitude 55° 59' East

Sunday April the 13 all of this day light breeze and calm the wind from the north west what the was heading to the south one ship in sight to the south east and plenty of fish and porpoises in sight so ends this Day

Latitude 03° 37' South

Longitude 55° 58' East

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Monday April the 14 all of this day calm and light breezes from the westward heading to the south and terrible hot weather employed at various jobs about the ship the cooper making a deck tub at 4 P.M. saw sperm whales and loved two boats for them but with out success the St. Peters boats when in chase to and the mate came on board and got supper and letters and some papers so ends this Day

Latitude 03° 36' South

Longitude 55° 59' East

Tuesday April the 15 all of this day calm and light breezes from every point of the compass and hot disagreeable weather heading to the westward employed at not much of any thing at 4 P.M. spoke the St. Peters of New Bedford 18 mounts out captain along 500 blb sperm and 80 blb of right whale and the captain came on board and had a gam for the first time in the indian ocean at half past 4 P.M. have the poor little dog overboard saw birds and land and porpoises and fish and every thing else so ends this Day one half of the ships company sick or lame plenty of jobs comforters we are afflicted with we are all. Latitude 03° 37' South

going to take bring stone. Longitude 56° 06' East

Wednesday April the 16 all of this day light breezes from the southward and westward heading to the westward with hot weather employed braking out for water and bread and mending the fore top galley sail and have some water in the lower hole and pump it out again saw every thing but sperm whales the St. Peter in sight and Denis island the sick and lame are no better so ends this Day

Latitude 03° 36' South

Longitude 55° 21' East

Thursday April the 17 all of this day light breezes from the south west steering south east with hot weather and some squally employed braking out the men and mending boats saw the land and black fish. Latitude 03° 27' South

Longitude 55° 45' East