

Bark Thope in the Indian Ocean 1851

Friday April the 18 all of this day light breezes from the south & west heading west with fine pleasant weather employed making boats jibs and the carpenter mending boats one sail in sight and Denis Island and Praslin in sight so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ} 34'$ South Longitude $55^{\circ} 08'$ East

Saturday April the 19 all of this day light breezes from every point of the compass heading to the north and west with squally bad weather and plenty of rain employed catching rain water and some other light jobs so numerous to mention to day plenty of birds and fish and every thing else in sight but sperm whales so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ} 30'$ South Longitude No Observation

Sunday April the 20 all of this day fresh breezes from the west south west steering north & west and south by west with squally weather and plenty of rain saw nothing but birds so ends this Lords Day Latitude $02^{\circ} 52'$ South Longitude No Observation

Monday April the 21 all of this day had squally weather with rain and strong breezes from the westward steering to the southward employed woppering the butt and braking out for water and several other jobs so numerous to mention nothing in sight of consequence so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ} 11'$ South Longitude $55^{\circ} 28'$ East

Tuesday April the 22 first part of this day the wind from the west with terrible squalls of rain middle and latter parts a strong gale from the west south west with some awful squalls heading to the south employed clewing down and up and furling the sails so ends this Day under double reefed fore and main topsails Latitude $03^{\circ} 54'$ South Longitude $56^{\circ} 05'$ East

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Wednesday April the 23 first and middle parts of this day strong breezes from the south south west steering to the westward latter part light breezes and calm heading to the west employed braking out for small stores and hove one cask of beans over board saw the land and plenty of birds and sharks so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ} 45'$ South Longitude $55^{\circ} 57'$ East

Thursday April the 24 all of this day light breezes from the south east steering to the west with some light squalls of rain employed setting up the fore rigging land in sight and every thing else but sperm whales so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ} 28'$ South Longitude $55^{\circ} 56'$ East

Friday April the 25 all of this day calm but one terrible squall struck the ship at 5 A.M. and blew tremendously the wind from the westward heading to the south it blew the fore top mast stay sail all in to fiddle strings employed mending it and bending it again saw one ship on our lee beam so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ} 31'$ South Longitude $55^{\circ} 39'$ East

Saturday April the 26 all of this day bad squally weather and plenty of rain the wind from every point of the compass and blowing like hell at times steering to the west and south employed braking out for water and molasses saw the land and the old St Peter so ends this bad disagreeable Day under short sail Latitude $03^{\circ} 35'$ South Longitude $55^{\circ} 40'$ East

Sunday April the 27 all of this day strong breezes from the south & west steering to the west stood 3 hours to the south East under double reefed topsails and squally weather with some rain and a head sea the land in sight and the old St Peter so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ} 27'$ South Longitude $54^{\circ} 55'$ East