

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1851
starboard ~~_____~~ boat

Monday May the 19th all of this day fresh breezes from the south East heading to the north East and have a look for the night at 4 A.M. saw sperm whales and loved the boats and the starboard boat struck one and took him along side at 8 A.M. then got ready for cutting two sails in sight so ends this Day. Latitude $04^{\circ} 14'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ} 42'$ East

Tuesday May the 20th all of this day strong breezes from the south East steering to the south west with fine pleasant weather finished cutting at 6 P.M. and started the works and set the 15th hour watches saw two sails so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ} 20'$ south Longitude $53^{\circ} 43'$ East

Wednesday May the 21st first and middle parts of this day strong breezes from the south East and squally with rain latter part light breezes from the south East and fine weather finished blowing at 11 A.M. at 7 P.M. the captain went on board of the clivice and had a gam the bark maria in company captain mowers 18 mounts out 100 bbls of sperm oil saw fin backs the clivice and the maria got a forty barrel whale in company so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ} 50'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ} 04'$ East

Thursday May the 22nd all of this day strong breezes from the south East heading to the south and west employed breaking out for shooks and setting them up at 10 A.M. spoke the English bark caledonia from hull bound to Eden in the red sea with a cargo of coal the captain had his wife and family in board they was 6 mounts out and short of small stone rice let them her molasses and tea and oil and got a bag of peas one sail in sight of our lee beam so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ} 08'$ south Longitude $53^{\circ} 22'$ East

Friday May the 23rd first part of this day strong wind from the south East heading south S west middle and latter parts strong wind from the south and East with bad squalls of wind and rain employed mending oil and getting ready for stowing down two sails in sight so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ} 35'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ} 38'$ East

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Saturday May the 24th all of this day strong south East trade wind and some squally with rain heading East north East and south S west employed stowing down and mending at 6 P.M. spoke the bark united states of west port 17 mounts out 550 bbls of sperm oil captain speaking the clivice in company and the captain came on board and had a grate gam so ends this Day one moon sail in sight and no whales Latitude $04^{\circ} 29'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ} 06'$ East

Sunday May the 25th all of this day fresh breezes from the South East heading south S west with pleasant weather at 6 P.M. spoke the bark beris of new bedford 12 mounts out 200 bbls of sperm oil captain snell came on board and had a fine gam saw fin backs and three strange sails the ground is all along with sails and no whales so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ} 38'$ south Longitude $53^{\circ} 41'$ East

Monday May the 26th all of this day light variable wind from the eastward and squally with rain and calm heading to the south and west employed breaking out and mending some sails casks and repairing some old oil casks at 4 P.M. the captain went on board of the bark united states of west port and had a gam so ends this wonderful Day Latitude $04^{\circ} 51'$ south Longitude $53^{\circ} 32'$ East

Tuesday May the 27th first and middle parts of this day the wind from every point of the compass heading to the westward with bad squalls of wind and rain latter part the wind from the south East and pleasant weather heading to the north and east saw the land the african islands employed fitting the cutting blocks and several other jobs so numerous to mention one sail in sight caught 2 porpoises saw fin backs and everything else but whales so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ} 41'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ} 16'$ East

Wednesday May the 28th first part of this day pleasant weather the wind south East middle and latter parts had squally weather with rain and sharp lightning heading to the north East employed mending the gaff top sail and repairing some old casks one sail in sight so this Day ends in a squall Latitude $03^{\circ} 55'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ} 31'$ East