

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1851

Thursday May the 29 all of this day a strong gale from the south east with awful squalls of wind and rain and thunder and lightning the ship bore to heading to the north east two boats crews below to day and one on deck sawprising pumps spears and smelting the decks so ends this bad squally Day saw nothing but thunder and lightning

Latitude 00 00

No Observation

Longitude 00 00

Friday May the 30 first part of this day a strong gale from the south east with rain and thunder and lightning heading north east middle and latter part strong breezes from the south east heading south by west with bad rugged weather employed holding on for god sake so ends this Day saw nothing but one sea hen

Latitude 03.16 south

Longitude 54.02 East

Saturday May the 31 all of this day strong breezes from the south east with some bad squalls of rain heading to the south south west under double reefed top sails employed braking out the main hole for water and to trim ship and for access the cooper repairing old water casks killed ahoy and saw nothing this will do for the last day of may so this Day ends head and tail up

Latitude 04.27 south

Longitude 53.27 East

Sunday June the 1 all of this day strong breeze from the south east with bad rough weather and terrible squalls of wind and rain and lightning heading to the northward and eastward at

5 P.M. saw the african islands and one sail

and tacked ship and took in sail for the night so ends this bad Day eating fresh pork the old ship jumps so bad that it

Latitude 04.27 south

gose down but it won't stay put Longitude 54.08 East

Monday June the 2 all of this day strong breezes from the south east heading north east with some pleasant squalls of rain employed at ships duty saw cow fish and breaches to the south that looked like sperm whales so ends this Day

Latitude 03.16 south

Longitude 54.47 East

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Tuesday June the 3 all of this day strong gales from the south east with awful squalls of wind and rain and had rough weather heading north east at 6 A.M. tacked ship and stood to the south employed stowing down top sails and reefing and shaking out reefs and putting them in again and some other jobs to numerous to mention ground 2 harpoons and saw one sail and one of in back so ends this Day a day that i shant forget this side of the grave

Latitude 03.29 south

Longitude 54.46 East

Wednesday June the 4 all of this day strong breezes from the south east heading east north east and south & west with pleasant weather over head and rough under foot employed at ships duty the cooper repairing old water casks nothing in sight so ends this Day

Latitude 03.35 south

Longitude 55.00 East

Thursday June the 5 all of this day strong breezes from the south heading east south east and west south west employed at ten thousand jobs cleaning the two parts and nailing the gack stays on to the main top sail yard saw two sulphur bottoms so ends this Day beating up to denis island

Latitude 03.33 south

Longitude 55.17 East

Friday June the 6 all of this day strong breezes from the south east with bad squalls of wind and rain heading east north east and south & west at 6 P.M. spoke the bark beris and had a gam saw and English schooner standing to the east employed braking out for flour and corn and vinegar and several other jobs to numerous to mention the stow got his foot smased saw bird island and sulphur bottoms so ends this Day

Latitude 03.35 south

Longitude no observation

Saturday June the 7 all of this day moderate breezes from the south east heading to the eastward at 7 A.M. tacked ship and stood south west with some light squalls at 3 P.M. spoke the bark united states of west port and had a gam saw 4 sails and bird island employed making a taggell

so ends this Day at 9 P.M. spoke the bark united states of west port and had a gam saw 4 sails and bird island employed making a taggell

Latitude 03.19 south

Longitude 55.14 East