

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1851

Tuesday June the 17 all of this day strong breezes from the south east heading to the east north east with rough squally weather and some rain employed setting up the main top mast rigging the bark united states has been in sight again nothing more of consequence so ends this Day

Latitude $0^{\circ}40'01''$ south
Longitude $54^{\circ}17'$ East

Wednesday June the 18 first and middle parts of this day strong breezes from the south east heading east north east saw the bark united states chasing whales and got nothing latter part of this day light breezes from the south steering east by south with bad squally weather and plenty of rain employed turning up one of the main top mast back stays saw 3 sails and Bird island and porpoisses so this Day ends raining like thunder

Latitude $0^{\circ}00'00''$

No Observation Longitude $0^{\circ}00'00''$

Thursday June the 19 first and middle parts of this day a terrible storm and the wind from every point of the compass with some awful squalls of wind and rain steering to the eastward saw the united states and Hector and Heris standing off and on at Bird island and sending their boats on shore latter part of this day strong gales from the south east and some squally steering east by north with the sea running mast head high at 12 P.M. the ship caught aback and the water came thundering into the cabin windows and we came very nigh going down stern fore mast before the steward could shut the dead lights in so ends this disagreeable Day

Latitude $0^{\circ}31'10''$ south
Longitude $55^{\circ}58'$ East

Friday June the 20 first and middle parts of this day strong gales from the south east heading to the east north east with bad rough weather and a heavy sea on latter part of this day moderate breezes from the south east steering south west with some light squalls of rain employed turning up the starboard main top mast back stays at 5 P.M. spoke the bark united states and the skipper went on board and had a gun and stove the states waist boat so ends this Day so much for gaming in a gale of wind

Latitude $0^{\circ}31'05''$ south
Longitude $56^{\circ}02'$ East

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Saturday June the 21 all of this day strong gales from the south east heading east north east and south west with bad rough squally weather and some rain employed fitting ~~the~~ handles saw one sail so ends this bad rough disagreeable Day

Latitude $0^{\circ}31'48''$ south
Longitude $55^{\circ}55'$ East

Sunday June the 22 all of this day a strong gale from the south s. east heading east and south west with bad rough squally weather and some rain saw Denis island and porpoisses and one sail so ends this uncomfortable londs Day

Latitude $0^{\circ}31'41''$ south
Longitude $55^{\circ}42'$ East

Monday June the 23 all of this day strong gales from the south s. east heading east 18 hours and 6 hours heading south west under double reefed fore and main top sails with the main sail and frib in and bad weather with some awful squalls of wind and rain and the sea running mast head high at 3 P.M. the captain and steward had a flare up and the result was the steward sent before the mast and took one of the foremast hands for steward employed holding on the new steward and boy employed cleaning the cabin and painting up after the old one saw Denis island and porpoisses so ends this Day a little more moderate

Latitude $0^{\circ}31'30''$ south
Longitude $55^{\circ}47'$ East

Tuesday June the 24 all of this day strong gales from the south s. east heading east with bad rough weather employed bracing out the after hallop for beef and flour and raisins and the fore hole for shooks and shooks heads finished turning up the larboard main top mast back stays saw nothing so ends this Day

Latitude $0^{\circ}31'22''$ south
Longitude $56^{\circ}12'$ East

Wednesday June the 25 all of this day moderate gales from the south s. east heading east and south west the cooper employed setting up shooks and all hands helping him and a devil of a racket the make of it so ends this Day Denis island in sight

Latitude $0^{\circ}31'49''$ south
Longitude $55^{\circ}12'$ East