

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1851

Thursday June the 26 all of this day strong breezes from the south east steering west the first part middle part steering East north East latter part steering by the wind heading East at 4 P.M. one boat went on shore at bird island and came of at 6 P.M. with 4 thousand loaves of birds eggs the cooper employed setting up shooks saw some island and nothing more so ends this Day Latitude 0 31 18 south Longitude 5 6 12 East

Friday June the 27 all of this day moderate breezes from the south heading East 22 hours and heading south west 2 hours with pleasant weather some of the time and some squalls of rain employed braking out the after hole and stowing down empty casks started one barrel of pork the cooper setting up shooks saw one fin back so ends this Day Latitude 0 31 30 south Longitude 5 6 56 East

Saturday June the 28 all of this day light breezes from the south with pleasant weather heading west S. west and East south East employed braking out the main hole for water and bread and stowing down empty casks the cooper finished setting up shooks saw nothing so ends this Day Latitude 0 31 55 south Longitude 5 6 13 East

Sunday June the 29 first part of this day a strong gale and a terrible storm of wind and rain the wind from every point of the compass and blowing tremorously middle and latter parts strong gales from the south and clear weather with some strong puffs of wind employed working ship and trying to beat up to prasin or paradise at 3 P.M. saw the land bearing south S. west distance 40 mile tooked ship and stood south East so ends this Day blowing a snorter

Monday June the 30 all of this day strong breezes from the south East and squally with some rain at 2 P.M. ~~we~~ best go the anchor in the harbor of paradise and the captain went on shore to look at the city eight men employed chopping wood and the rest of the crew washing ship and took a raft of casks on shore and filled them with water so ends this Day anchor

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Tuesday July the 1 all of this day strong breezes from the south East and squally weather two men employed chopping wood and the rest of the ship company employed at ships duty and boating of wood and hogs 2 hogs and 2 light boat loads of wood so ends this Day all safe in paradise anchor and 2 paradise birds came to visit us in the woods

Wednesday July the 2 all of this day light breezes and fine weather and all hands employed carting down wood and boating of wood and filling water and some other light jobs bought some fruits to day our captain has gon to makee he took passage in the prasin packet captin black man so ends this Day some of our ships company went to a ball last night at madam Daviss a paradise ball the ball opened by heaving up two skir rockets anchor

Thursday July the 3 all of this day strong breezes and squally weather with some rain all hands employed braking out and stowing down water and wood some of our ships company are sick to day the ball was to hard for them or the paradise birds i dont no witch so ends this Day anchor

Friday July the 4 all of this day bad rough squally weather with rain the starboard watch on shore on liberty the larboard watch employed boating of wood at 3 P.M. took one man on board he had got 4 of July enough for one year at 5 P.M. took a small raft of casks on shore for water so ends the 4 of July paradise for ever anchor

Saturday July the 5 all of this day strong breezes and squally weather and the larboard watch on shore on liberty the starboard watch employed braking out the after hole and stowing down wood and beef and some other light jobs at 7 P.M. our captain got back from makee full of news and letters so ends this Day paradise for ever anchor