

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1851

Tuesday July the 15 all of this day strong gales from the south east and bad squally weather with some rain and a terrible sea on steering to the west in the day time and have to at night heading to the eastward with all sail in saw Denis island at 5 P.M. employed bracking out the after hole for beef and pork and some other light jobs to numerous to mention so this Day ends

Latitude 03^o 40' south
Longitude 55^o 10' East

Wednesday July the 16 all of this day strong gales from the south & east steering west the first part middle part steering north east by north latter part steering by the wind heading East employed at a little of every thing the boat steersmen heaving out iron poles at 1 P.M. saw bird island so this Day ends

Latitude 02^o 34' south
Longitude 55^o 48' East

Thursday July the 17 first and middle parts of this day moderate weather and the wind from the south heading East south East latter part of this day a strong gale from the south east heading to the south west with bad squally weather and some awful squalls of wind and rain employed repairing the main topsail our ship is surrounded with porpoisses and we caught one and we are taking a blow out on fresh meat and porpoisses brains and the old bark is down on her beams ends half of the time so this bark had squally Day ends

Latitude 2^o 51' south
Longitude 55^o 53' East

Friday July the 18 all of this day strong breezes from the south & east heading to the east south East and south west employed mending the main topsail saw one sulphur bottom and had some squalls of rain nothing more of consequence so ends this Day

Latitude 03^o 15' south
Longitude 55^o 45' East

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Saturday July the 19 all of this day strong breezes from the south heading East & east and west & west with squally weather finished mending the main topsail and bent it the rest of the time employed ripping up an old fore topsail saw porpoisses and nothing else so ends this Day

Latitude 03^o 30' south
Longitude 55^o 42' East

Sunday July the 20 all of this day strong breezes from the south with pleasant weather heading East south East first and middle parts latter part heading south west by west saw dimon fish and porpoisses and one fin back and he was so poor that he could not sport but twice so ends this Sunday sailors have not much regard for Sunday

Latitude 03^o 47' south
Longitude 56^o 02' East

Monday July the 21 all of this day light breezes from the south with pleasant weather heading to the west south west in the day time and have aboard at night heading East with all sail in employed bracking out for scrub teeth and pickels and grinding spades and fitting the blubber room gaff and ten thousand other jobs to numerous to mention saw Denis and bird island and porpoisses and no whales so ends this Day

Latitude 03^o 38' south
Longitude 54^o 45' East

Tuesday July the 22 all of this day light breezes from the south & east heading to the south west with pleasant weather one light squall of rain employed repairing the main sail saw one sail to the north of us nothing more but bird island so ends this Day

Latitude 03^o 46' south
Longitude 54^o 04' East

Wednesday July the 23 all of this day strong breezes from the south heading East south East and west south west with squally weather at 3 P.M. finished mending the main sail and bent it and broke out for tea and water and beef and pork and butter at 5 P.M. spoke the bark Lagrange captain Hammond & mounts out 125 cbls of sperm oil of fairhaven saw a breach but it turned out to be a fish so ends this Day

Latitude 03^o 33' south
Longitude 54^o 27' East