

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1851

Thursday July the 24 first part of this day strong breezes from the south & East heading to the south west middle and latter parts of this day a strong gale from the south & East heading East with bad rough weather and some awful squalls of wind and rain and a heavy sea running employed holding on for god sake five men mast head looking out for whales and saw one dolphin so hear we go head and tail up under double reefed fore and main top sails so this Day ends

Latitude $03^{\circ}23'$ south
Longitude $55^{\circ}03'$ East

Friday July the 25 all of this day strong breezes from the south & East heading to the Eastward with all sorts of weather calm and gales and squalls and rain and sun shine and bad black dismal rough weather with a terrible sea on employed at a little of every thing falling down and getting up again so ends this awful bad Day nothing in sight but sky and water Latitude $03^{\circ}21'$ south
double reefed top sails Longitude $56^{\circ}16'$ East

Saturday July the 26 all of this day a terrible gale from the south & East heading to the East 18 hours under double reefed fore and main top sails 6 hours and 12 hours hove to under a double reefed main top sail and fore sail and 6 hours heading south west under double reefed top sails with bad rough squally weather with rain and the sea running mast head high and five men mast head looking at it and weeping employed breaking out for corn and killed a hog look out for fresh pork Sunday saw nothing so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ}32'$
Longitude $56^{\circ}06'$ East

Sunday July the 27 all of this day strong breezes from the south south East with squally rough weather and some rain at 5 P.M. saw sperm whales and loosed for the same and got none at 7 P.M. saw whale and loosed and struck 2 and got them and took them along side at 11 P.M. and got ready for cutting Denis island bearing south & East distance 8 miles so ends this Day

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larboard boat 22 waist boat 22

Monday July the 28 all of this day strong breezes from the south East finished cutting and went to bowling at 8 P.M. saw sperm whales and loosed for them and got none saw a ship to the East of us chasing whales and got one and i with the devil had hur for she galed all the whales the 11 was in sight so ends this Day employed bowling and chasing whales latitude and longitude No Observation oooooooooo

Tuesday July the 29 all of this day strong gales from the south East with bad rough squally weather and plenty of rain employed bowling out the whales at 1 P.M. loosed for sperm whales and got none one sail in sight cutting broke out bread and sugar and hames so ends this Day

Latitude $03^{\circ}54'$ south
Longitude $56^{\circ}15'$ East

Wednesday July the 30 all of this day strong gales from the south East heading to the westward in the day time and hove aback at night under a double reefed main top sail with bad rough squally weather heading East at 4 P.M. spoke the ship arab of fair haven 21 mounts out 600 blb of sperm oil captain brady at 7 P.M. spoke the bark united states and hadagam saw one other ship cutting and Denis island in sight at 11 P.M. finished bowling and the rest of the day employed scrubbing and washing the Decks and fleeting casks from one side to the other so this Day ends the united states reports war at pressline among the ladies

Latitude $03^{\circ}36'$ south
Longitude $55^{\circ}52'$ East

Thursday July the 31 all of this day strong breezes from the south heading East & East under double reefed top sails employed stowing down oil and washing ship at 4 P.M. the captain went on board of the arab and the captain of the united states in company and had again one more ship in sight saw plenty of sulphur bottoms so ends this Day

Latitude $03^{\circ}32'$ south
Longitude $55^{\circ}41'$ East