

Bark Hope in the indian Ocean 1851

Saturday August the 9th all of this day strong gales from the south & East heading East at 4 A.M. tacked ship and stood south west with bad rough squally weather under double reefed top sails employed breaking out for flour and beef and pork at 6 P.M. spoke the ship Leonidas of fairhaven captain gifford 23 mounds out 400 bbls of sperm oil and 80 bbls of wright whale oil saw one other sail so ends this Day had a fogfall Latitude 03^u 31 south

Sunday August the 10th all of this day strong gales from the south heading East at 3 A.M. tacked ship to the west south west under double reefed top sails and had rough squally disagreeable weather with some terrible squalls of wind and rain saw Denis island and bird island and two sails so ends this Day Latitude 03^u 49 south Longitude 55^u 15 East

Monday August the 11th first and middle parts of this day strong breezes from the south & East with bad rough squally weather and some rain heading west south west latter part light breezes and fine weather employed at every thing at 1 P.M. one boat went on shore at bird island after birds eggs and came off at 3 P.M. with one tub full of rotten eggs unbent the fore sail and employed mending it caught one shark or dog fish saw cow fish the cook sawing wood and the captain tying up the little figs mouth so this Day ends Latitude 03^u 45 south Longitude 54^u 22 East

Tuesday August the 12th all of this day light breezes from the south & west heading to the Eastward employed mending the jib with fine weather at 8 A.M. saw sperm whales and looked for them and got none saw demon fish and porpoises and black fish and cow fish and ten thousand other things too numerous to mention saw one of the uphell islands bearing south East distance 60 mile so ends this Day Latitude 04^u 04 south hand luck whaling Longitude 54^u 28 East

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Wednesday August the 13th first and middle parts of this day fine pleasant weather and light variable wind latter part strong gales from the south & East and bad squally weather with rain heading south west under double reefed top sails employed working on the riggin saw black fish so ends this Day Latitude 04^u 05 south Longitude 54^u 21 East

Thursday August the 14th all of this day strong gales from the south heading East by north and west south west with bad rough squally weather employed mending the gaff top sail saw nothing but one shark sea shark not land shark so ends this Day under double reefed top sails Latitude 03^u 57 south Longitude 54^u 50 East

Friday August the 15th all of this day strong breezes from the south steering to the Eastward in the day time and hove to at night heading west south west with clear weather employed breaking out for water and corn and wet hole and to work fitting the lifts and foot ropes on the fore and main top sail yards saw porpoises and bird island nothing more of consequence so ends this Day Latitude 03^u 37 south Longitude 54^u 59 East

Saturday August the 16th all of this day the wind South & S. west and the first fine pleasant weather middle and latter parts rough bad squally weather and plenty of rain steering East and north East by north employed fitting the left block straps for the main yard and the main top sail clew lines blocks saw one sail and Denis island nothing more to Day so this Day ends Latitude 03^u 15 south Longitude 56^u 39 East

Sunday August the 17th first part of this day strong breezes from the south & west heading south East with rough weather middle and latter parts calm and hot going round and around at 5 P.M. spoke the bark Lagrange of fairhaven and the captain went on board and had a game saw nothing but one devil fish and he was all much so ends this Day Latitude 03^u 18 south Longitude 56^u 53 East one year out