

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1851

Friday September the 26 all of this day strong breezes from the south steering north & west and north East in the day time and hove to at night under short sail heading west south west with pleasant weather all but one light squally of rain employed painting ship fore and aft in side saw sulphur bot tons and some thing else that we called sperm whales and loved the boats for them but it is doubtful very doubtful i called them evil spirits we gave them a chase and came on board well satisfied that it was the devil so ends this Day

Latitude 02° 56' North
Longitude 52° 35' East

Saturday September the 27 all of this day strong breezes from the south heading west south west and East south East employed breaking out for provision and painting ship and the larboard and waist boats saw ten thousand sulphur bot tons so ends this Day fine weather

Latitude 03° 21' North
Longitude 53° 11' East

Sunday September the 28 all of this day strong breezes and variable from south to south west heading east and south East with all sail set and pleasant weather and a strong north East current saw sulphur bot tons so ends this Day

Latitude 02° 23' North
Longitude 54° 09' East

Monday September the 29 all of this day strong breezes from the south & west and the middle part squally with rain heading south East at 6 P.M. took ship and stood west at 10 P.M. took in the light sails employed painting the larboard and waist boat in side and got the starboard boat ready for painting so ends this Day saw five backs

Latitude 02° 21' North Longitude 53° 55' East

Tuesday September the 30 all of this day strong breezes from the south & west heading west with pleasant weather employed painting the starboard boat in side saw sulphur bot tons and porpoisses nothing more of consequence so ends this Day

Latitude 02° 30' North
Longitude 53° 02' East

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Wednesday October the 1 all of this day strong breezes from the south & west heading west with pleasant weather employed breaking out for water saw sulphur bot tons and caught one porpoise so ends this Day

Latitude 02° 59' North
Longitude 52° 05' East

Thursday October the 2 all of this day strong breezes from the south west heading west & west at 6 P.M. took ship to the south & East with fine pleasant weather saw sulphur bot tons and porpoisses and caught one employed at several little jobs about the ship so ends this Day

Latitude 02° 52' North
Longitude 52° 14' East

Friday October the 3 all of this day strong breezes from the southward and westward with fine pleasant weather heading to the south & East and south East employed mending one of the old over head boats saw sulphur bot tons and porpoisses at 6 P.M. hove the little dog over board because he had a fet no luck this season so ends this Day

Latitude 01° 59' North
Longitude 54° 01' East

Saturday October the 4 all of this day brisk breezes from the south heading East south East with pleasant weather finished mending the boat and put her over board saw one diamond fish and one sulphur bot tons and killed a hog so ends this Day

Latitude 01° 42' North
Longitude 55° 46' East

Sunday October the 5 all of this day moderate breezes from the south with fine pleasant weather heading East south East saw nothing fresh pork for dinner so ends this Day

Latitude 01° 18' North
Longitude 57° 30' East

Monday October the 6 all of this day fine pleasant weather and light breezes from the south & East heading East & East at 10 P.M. took ship to the south west saw plenty of sulphur bot tons nothing more of consequence only at 11 P.M. loved one boat to chase sulphur bot tons but of no use so ends this Day

Latitude 00° 58' North
Longitude 57° 40' East

Tuesday October the 7 all of this day fine breezes from the south with pleasant weather all but the middle part was squally with some rain heading west south west saw sulphur bot tons so ends this Day

Latitude 00° 34' North
Longitude 56° 38' East