

Bark Hope in the indian Ocean 1851

Sunday October the 19 all of this day light breezes from the south & East steering west by north 18 hours then steered south west 6 hours with fine weather all day saw sulphur battons and fin backs and porpoises so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ}34'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ}22'$ East

Monday October the 20 all of this day light breezes from the south East heading south & west at 2 A.M. tacked ship to the East north East at 6 A.M. tacked back to the south & west with fine pleasant weather saw some fin backs so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ}14'$ south Longitude $53^{\circ}58'$ East

Tuesday October the 21 first part of this day light breezes from the south East heading south & west and squally with some rain middle and latter part light variable wind from the south East to the south west heading East & East and west & west with fine weather employed bracking out the fore hole for oil coggins saw sulphur battons and fin backs and squid and fish and caught one porpoise so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ}25'$ south Longitude $53^{\circ}44'$ East

Wednesday October the 22 all of this day light variable wind from the north to the south west with some light squalls of rain and sharp lightning heading to the East west and southward the cooper making a tub and a small cask to put oil in saw porpoises and one fin back so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ}44'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ}13'$ East

Thursday October the 23 all of this day light variable wind from every point of the compass tacked ship at 10 P.M. and at 3 A.M. and headed no where at 6 P.M. stood to the south with all sail set had some tremendous squalls of rain and caught some rain water the cooper finished the tub nothing more of consequence so ends this Day Latitude $05^{\circ}08'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ}02'$ East

Friday October the 24 all of this day brisk breezes from the East south East heading south at 8 P.M. tacked ship to the East & East at 3 A.M. tacked to the south and at 6 A.M. wore ship to the north west saw nothing killed a pig and eat him and broke out for water pleasant weather so ends this Day Latitude $05^{\circ}02'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ}03'$ East

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Saturday October the 25 all of this day light breezes from the East south East with fine weather heading north west and north in the day time and hove aback at night heading south west and north East caught 2 porpoises at 8 A.M. saw a sperm whale and at 11 A.M. lowered the boats and gave him a chase but of no use so this Day ends chasing whales Latitude $04^{\circ}25'$ south Longitude $53^{\circ}56'$ East

Sunday October the 26 all of this day brisk breezes from the south East heading south west and lying aback at night heading to the north East and south employed chasing a sperm whale or something in the shape of one and that was all the good it done for the devil could not catch him nor no body else so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ}42'$ south Longitude $53^{\circ}00'$ East

Monday October the 27 all of this day light breezes from the East south East with pleasant weather heading East north East and north East at 4 P.M. saw the african islands and plenty of birds and fish and one old fin back so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ}10'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ}00'$ East

Tuesday October the 28 all of this day light breezes from the south East heading east north East at 12 A.M. tacked ship to the south & west fine pleasant weather all day saw nothing of consequence killed 3 pigs and had fresh pork fore and aft so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ}52'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ}35'$ East

Wednesday October the 29 all of this day light breezes from the south East heading east north East and south south west with fine pleasant weather employed bracking out the oil in the main hole and coopersing saw 3 sails so ends this Day Latitude $03^{\circ}30'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ}34'$ East

Thursday October the 30 all of this day light breezes from the south & East steering to the south and west with fine weather employed coopersing and storing down oil in the main hole at 5 P.M. spoke the bark united states of west port captain packing with 700 bbls of sperm oil 29 mounts out had again saw 2 strange sails and some porpoises so this Day ends Latitude $03^{\circ}41'$ south Longitude $54^{\circ}27'$ East