

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1851

Monday November the 10 all of this day all sorts of weather calm and strong breezes from every point of the compass with some awful squalls of wind and rain heading south west by south saw porpoisses and black fish and one fin back paradise on the holy land all in sight. The crewer repairing casks so ends this Day

Latitude $0^{\circ} 31' 59''$ South
Longitude $56^{\circ} 16'$ East

Tuesday November the 11 all of this day light variable wind from the south and west and calm a part of the time and some light squalls of rain employed getting ready for going into port at half watches saw the holy land and sulphur bottom and fin backs and black fish and porpoisses a strong current setting to the north so ends this Day. Latitude $0^{\circ} 31' 59''$ South
lowered one boat for black fish Longitude $56^{\circ} 17'$ East

Wednesday November the 12 all of this day but squally weather and the wind from every point of the compass trying to beat up to make a tack and half tacking all day and all night and plenty of rain saw porpoisses and all of the seychelle islands and one ship standing to the north employed brackeing out for dried apples and coffee and sugar and bread so ends this Day bound to the heavenly land Latitude over and Longitude No Observation over

Thursday November the 13 all of this day all sorts of weather the wind from every point of the compass and calm and some of the time tremendous squalls of wind and rain at 11 P.M. had a tornado and hove the old bark on her beams ends then it was all hands clew down and clew up every thing and hove to frigate bearing north west distance 12 mile the ship heading south west so ends this Day still beating for the land that is flowing with milk and honey. Latitude $0^{\circ} 41' 28''$ South Longitude 00

Friday November the 14 all of this day light breezes from every point of the compass and squally with rain employed beating up to make a but the wind was ahead south at 7 A.M. put off for paradise with a light breeze from the south East steering north by east at 6 P.M. the captain lowered a boat to go on shore at frigate island but got back and came on board at 10 P.M. and so ends this Day Latitude $0^{\circ} 41' 28''$ South

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Saturday November the 15 all of this day light breezes from every point of the compass and calm and squally with rain at 6 A.M. lowered the boats to tow the ship into paradise at 10 A.M. we arrived at paradise and let go the anchor in 12 fathoms of water at 11 A.M. received a visit from the doctor and the captain went on shore employed brackeing out for casks and taking them on shore for water so ends this Day with the anchor down in that heavenly land what the sailors call paradise

Sunday November the 16 first and middle parts of this day fine weather latter part squally with plenty of rain The starboard watch went on shore in the fore noon and the larboard watch in the afternoon and had a run to stretch their legs killed a hog and had a fresh mess of food and had plenty of black gents of from shore to trade and get a good dinner so ends this Day all up in the harbour of paradise

Monday November the 17 all of this day moderate weather with some squalls of rain employed brackeing out the oil on the starboard side of the main hold and coopersing it and stowing it back againe the captain sent of some fine apples and potatoes and came on board him self with some company and got supper and went on shore againe so ends this Day in the heavenly land

Tuesday November the 18 all of this day fine weather all but some light squalls of rain finished stowing of the oil and broke out the fore hold for provision and stowed it between decks and some of the men went on shore to fill some casks with water the captain came on board at 7 P.M. and went on shore at 1 P.M. and some of the black gents with him so ends this disagreeable Day in paradise

Wednesday November the 19 all of this day fine weather with a little rain all hands employed getting water and stowing it down in the fore hold and painting ship on the larboard side so ends this day the captain on shore taking comfort in paradise the Devil and Tom Walker