

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1851

Sunday November the 30 all of this day fine pleasant weather and light breezes from the north & west heading north East one sail in sight and land in sight and porpoises so ends this Day Latitude 0 30 44 South Longitude 56 00 East

Monday December the 1 all of this day fine weather and light breezes from the north west heading north north East and west south west saw 2 sails chasing whales and one of them cutting in a whale employed at ships duty the carpenter repairing the windlass so ends this Day Latitude 0 30 56 South Longitude 56 00 East

Tuesday December the 2 all of this day light breezes from the north west heading west south west at 1 P.M. took ship to the north & East at 3 P.M. took ship back to the west south west with fine weather all but a few light squalls of rain saw the bark polaris of new bedford take a whale along side at 2 P.M. and commence cutting one other sail in sight at 3 P.M. the captain went on board and had a gun saw porpoises employed mending the starboard boat and painting her so ends this Day nothing more of consequence Latitude 0 30 57 South Longitude 56 00 East

Wednesday December the 3 all of this day light breezes from every point of the compass and calm heading East west north and south with hot weather and some light squalls of rain employed painting boats and bracking out for flour and slops and small stores saw one for back and 2 sails smoking so ends this Day land in sight Latitude 0 30 57 South Longitude 56 00 East

Thursday December the 4 all of this day light breezes from the north west and squally weather with rain at 7 A.M. saw sperm whales and lowered the boats for them and caught two and took one along side at 10 A.M. and got ready for cutting and took the other along side at 5 P.M. and cut one in so ends this Day one sail in sight Latitude 0 30 57 South Longitude 56 00 East

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Saturday December the 6 all of this day calm and hot weather heading to the north and west employed bowling out the whales and several other jobs to mention finished bowling at 5 P.M. one sail in sight saw porpoises so ends this Day Latitude 0 40 23 South Longitude 56 00 East

Sunday December the 7 all of this day light breezes from the south & East steering north west by west with pleasant weather saw porpoises and black fish so ends this Day Latitude 0 30 58 South Longitude 56 00 East

Monday December the 8 all of this day light breezes from the south East steering west by north with fine hot weather employed coppering oil and getting ready for stowing down broke out for beef and pork and painted one of the over head boats saw the holy land and one ship to the north of us bowling nothing more worthy of notes so ends this Day Latitude 0 30 38 South Longitude 55 50 East

Tuesday December the 9 all of this day calm and hot pleasant weather heading East west north and south employed bracking out and stowing down oil and stowing of water saw Dennis land and prasin and 2 sails one ship and one bark the ship bowling saw black fish so ends this hard Days work Latitude 0 30 39 South Longitude 55 50 East

Wednesday December the 10 all of this day calm and light variable wind from every point of the compass going round and round employed bracking out the after hold and run and stowing of some coconuts the carpenter repairing casks saw 2 sails and the land at 6 A.M. the old bark touched on the banks in 20 fathoms of water so ends this Day Latitude 0 30 39 South Longitude 55 50 East