

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1852

Wednesday January the 21 all of this day strong breezes from every point of the compass with bad squally weather and plenty of rain heading every where and going no where at 5 P.M. lowered the boats for a sperm whale or a ghost and got nothing so ends this Day  Latitude $0^{\circ}31'54''$ south Longitude $5^{\circ}31'57''$ East

Thursday January the 22 all of this day strong breeze from the north west heading north east by north and west & west with rough squally weather and some rain saw fin backs and black fish employed breaking out the fore haul for tow line for the waist boat nothing more of consequence so ends this Day Latitude $0^{\circ}31'44''$ south Longitude $5^{\circ}41'27''$ East

Friday January the 23 all of this day strong breezes from the north & west heading west at 4 A.M. tacked ship and steered East north East with rough bad weather at 10 A.M. touched on wakee banks and tacked ship to the west at 1 1/2 P.M. saw a large sperm whale and lowered the boats for him at 2 1/2 P.M. and the landward boat struck him and he took the line so that ends this hard days work for nothing  Latitude $0^{\circ}31'48''$ south Longitude $5^{\circ}41'26''$ East

Saturday January the 24 first and middle parts of this day strong breezes and rough bad weather latter part pleasant with light breezes the wind from the north & west all day heading west and north East saw fin backs and porpoisses and killed a pig so ends this Day Latitude $0^{\circ}31'52''$ south Longitude $5^{\circ}41'24''$ East

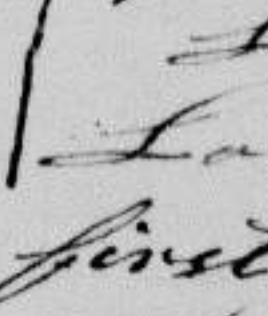
Sunday January the 25 all of this day light breezes from the north & East heading to the north west with fine pleasant weather saw a large school of fin backs and killed 4 pigs fresh pork fore and aft for dinner nothing more to day so ends this Day Latitude $0^{\circ}31'15''$ south Longitude $5^{\circ}41'03''$ East

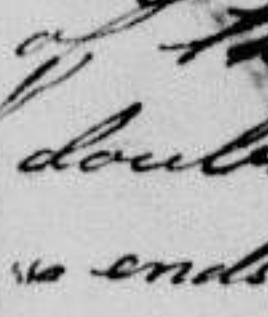
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Monday January the 26 all of this day light breezes from the ~~west~~ north East heading north & west and East south East with fine weather saw black fish and broke out for flour and bread and set up the fore top gallant back stays and rigging and ground the cutting spades so ends this Day Latitude $0^{\circ}21'46''$ south Longitude $5^{\circ}41'22''$ East

Tuesday January the 27 all of this day light variable wind from every point of the compass going round and round with some light squalls of rain employed at a little of every thing saw fin backs and started a cask of water so ends this Day Latitude $0^{\circ}31'44''$ south Longitude $5^{\circ}41'43''$ East

Wednesday January the 28 all of this day light breezes from the East north East heading north at 12 P.M. tacked ship to the south & East with pleasant weather employed at various jobs about the ship run the waist boats line over board and killed 4 pigs high living so ends this Day Latitude $0^{\circ}31'08''$ south Longitude $5^{\circ}41'51''$ East

Thursday January the 29 all of this day light variable wind and fine pleasant weather heading north East and south East saw some of the seychelle islands and fumpfers employed fitting the mizzen top mast and span ken rigging nothing more worthy of notice so ends this pleasant Day broke out for  Latitude $0^{\circ}31'33''$ south Longitude $5^{\circ}51'33''$ East

Friday January the 30 first part of this day fine weather and all of the seychelle islands in sight and black fish middle and latter part bad squally weather and plenty of rain and the wind from every point of the compass beating and banging  that heavenly land called dennis island under double reefed topsails caught a cask of rain water so ends this Day Latitude and Longitude no observation

Saturday January the 31 all of this day bad squally weather with plenty of rain the wind from every point of the compass heading every where and going no where at 7 A.M. saw sperm whales and lowered for them and chased them all day and got nothing but  wet fish and hungry guts this is the first time in the year saw parakeets and the first in the month in the Latitude none Longitude none