

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1852

Tuesday February the 10 all of this day light breezes from the north N. west heading west south west and north N. East with some pleasant squalls of rain saw all of the Seychelle islands and porpoisses and black fish and 3 sails at 4 P.M. spoke the bark united states and captain peaking came on board and had a gam employed at ships duty got the states old line tub and put our spare line in so ends this Day Latitude 0° 34' 49" south Longitude No Observation

Wednesday February the 11 all of this day light breezes from the west north west heading south west and north with pleasant weather employed mending the main top gallant sail and bent the new old one saw the Seychelle islands and 3 sails at 4 P.M. spoke the bark catenwood of west port captain allen 13 mounts out 425 blbs of sperm oil and the captain went on board at 7 P.M. captain allen came on board of the hope and we had a jolly full gam till 10 P.M. and then broke up and parted company for this time so ends this happy Day and happy gam

Latitude 0° 35' 45" south

Longitude No Observation

Thursday February the 12 all of this day light and strong breezes from every point of the compass heading East west north and south with bad squally weather with rain and thunder and lightning saw the Seychelle islands and 3 sails and porpoisses and fish and sharks at 4 P.M. spoke the bark clarice and captain gifford came on board and had a gam killed a hog and we are smacking our chops on fresh pork nothing more of consequence so ends this Day

Latitude No Observation

Longitude No Observation

Friday February the 13 all of this day strong breeze from the north N. west heading west and north East with bad squally weather and plenty of rain and thunder and lightning saw one sail employed breaking out for bread and flour and beef and pork and wet hole so ends this Day

Latitude 0° 35' 32" south

Longitude 56° 02' East

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Saturday February the 14 all of this day light breezes from the north N. west heading north East and west with pleasant weather all but one heavy squall of wind and rain saw the bark clarice employed at ships duty so ends this Day

Latitude 0° 31' 12" south

Longitude 55° 40' East

Sunday February the 15 all of this day calm with light showers of rain 2 sails in sight 1 bark and one schooner saw the land at 10 P.M. lowered one boat for black fish and got none saw plenty of birds and fish so ends this Day

Latitude 0° 31' 16" south

Longitude 55° 31' East

Monday February the 16 all of this day light variable wind from every point of the compass steering to the southward and westward with light showers of rain saw 2 sails and grampusses employed breaking out between decks for water and to trim ship at 10 P.M. saw the island of paradise so ends this Day

Latitude 0° 31' 26" south

Longitude 55° 27' East

Tuesday February the 17 all of this day calm and light breezes from every point of the compass heading every where and going no where with squally weather and plenty of rain employed drawing and knotting rope yarns and breaking out for blue drilling the cooper making small casks to put oil in saw live island and one sail and a large breach and porpoisses nothing more to day so ends this Day

Latitude 0° 31' 23" south

Longitude 55° 23' East

Wednesday February the 18 all of this day light breezes from every point of the compass and calm with light and heavy squalls of wind and rain heading every where employed making spun yarn one sail in sight and dennis island and all of the Seychelle islands and plenty of birds and fish the cooper making small casks out of old beef barralls saw a breach or a ghost so ends this Day

Latitude 0° 31' 34" south

Longitude 55° 46' East