

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1852

Thursday February the 19 all of this day calm and light breezes from the Eastward heading north N. East at 6 A.M. took ship and stood East south East employed making spun yarn and mending the main top sail saw donnis island and porpoises and black fish so ends this Day Latitude  $0^{\circ}34'30''$  South Longitude  $56^{\circ}10'$  East

Friday February the 20 all of this day light breezes from the East heading north N. East and south S. East with pleasant weather all but some light showers of rain saw the soyakelle islands and porpoises employed making spun yarn wet the hole and the captain give the dog a flayin so ends this Day Latitude  $0^{\circ}34'47''$  South Longitude  $56^{\circ}22'$  East

Saturday February the 21 all of this day light breezes from the East north East steering south East by south with fine weather and some pleasant showers of rain employed at every thing finished making spun yarn for this time and had a general scraping and slushing of masts fore and aft and broke out the store room for soap and washing and scraping out the cabin and turning every thing up side down and giving me to understand that i must hold my tongue but not in plain English but in a roundabout way over the boy back he is a gentleman all above the top of his head saw black fish and porpoises and fin backs and every thing else but sperm whales so ends this disagreeable Day Latitude  $0^{\circ}41'33''$  South Longitude  $56^{\circ}53'$  East

Sunday February the 22 all of this day calm and light breezes from the north East and north west steering south East by south and south by west with some light showers of rain and promising looking weather saw porpoises and black fish at 7 P.M. took in the light sails nothing more so ends this Day Latitude  $0^{\circ}41'56''$  South Longitude  $57^{\circ}12'5''$  East

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Monday February the 23 all of this day light and strong breezes from the north and north west with squally weather and some rain steering south S. west employed at a little of every thing broke out the run for beef tongues and tobacco saw nothing but birds and fish so ends this Day Latitude  $0^{\circ}6'10''$  South Longitude  $57^{\circ}35'$  East

Tuesday February the 24 all of this day variable wind from the north west to the west with squally rainy weather steering south by west broke out for provision and the captain making laws and then breaking them in five minutes after that looks well in the eyes of the ships company caught a big fish and hove him into the starboard and tore the sail all to at tons and filled her half full of shit and blood and slime so this ends one more day of this disagreeable voyage Latitude  $0^{\circ}7'38''$  South Longitude  $57^{\circ}45'$  East

Wednesday February the 25 first part of this day calm with showers of rain middle and latter parts light breezes from every point of the compass and squally weather with rain steering to the south and East employed breaking out the fore hole for water saw fin backs so ends this Day Latitude  $0^{\circ}7'37''$  South Longitude  $58^{\circ}02'$  East

Thursday February the 26 all of this day strong breezes from the north with bad squally weather and rain steering south East and south East by East saw one sail employed catching fish so ends this Day Latitude  $0^{\circ}8'42''$  South Longitude  $59^{\circ}15'57''$  East

Friday February the 27 all of this day light breezes from the north to the south west with pleasant weather heading west south west and East north East at 2 P.M. rounded on sugar de malha banks and found 50 fathoms of water and took ship and stood to the westward at 3 P.M. spoke the bark oatherwood of west port and captain allin came on board and had a game employed repairing one of the old boats saw black fish and fin backs so ends this Day Latitude  $0^{\circ}8'53''$  South Longitude  $59^{\circ}43'$  East