

Bark Hope in the indian Ocean 1852

Saturday February the 28. all of this day calm and light breezes from the south East steering north and north East with fine weather and one pleasant squall of rain employed breaking out for blue drilling and calico finished mending the old boat and put her over board at 4 P.M. went on board of the bark Oathenwood and had a gam saw nothing of consequence so ends this Day

Latitude $08^{\circ} 30'$ south
Longitude $59^{\circ} 21'$ East

Sunday February the 29 all of this day calm and light breezes from the south East heading north and south west with some light showers of rain saw 2 sails and nothing else but tide rips so ends this Day and month

Latitude $08^{\circ} 42'$ south
Longitude $59^{\circ} 47'$ East

Monday March the 1 all of this day calm and light breezes from the south East steering various courses and going nowhere had some light showers of rain employed fitting the main top sail halliards block stops at 4 P.M. the captain of the bark Oathenwood came on board and at 5 P.M. the captain of the marcella came on board and had a gam no news of any consequence so ends this Day

Latitude $08^{\circ} 16'$ south
Longitude $60^{\circ} 11'$ East

Tuesday March the 2 all of this day light breezes from the south East heading East north East and south & west with squally weather and thunder and lightning and rain saw porpoisses and one sail so ends this Day

Latitude $08^{\circ} 15'$ south
Longitude $59^{\circ} 52'$ East

Wednesday March the 3 first and middle parts of this day light breezes from the south East with squally weather with thunder and lightning and some rain heading south & west latter part pleasant weather and light breezes from the East south East heading north East and East north East employed at some light jobs about the ship and broke out for water and caught a porpoise saw 3 sails one of them a large ship steering Eastward

Latitude $08^{\circ} 39'$ south
Longitude $59^{\circ} 57'$ East

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Thursday March the 4 all of this day fine weather and light breezes from the East south East heading north East and south at 7 A.M. touched on sarga de malha banks in 12 fathoms of water and caught a few fish then stood off to the west south west saw one sail and broke out for provision and spun some big yarn so this Day ends

Latitude $08^{\circ} 33'$ south
Longitude $59^{\circ} 53'$ East

Friday March the 5 all of this day light breezes from the south East with pleasant weather and some light showers of rain heading south & west at 6 P.M. tacked ship to the north East and took in sail and laid aback all night broke out for flour and several other jobs too numerous to mention saw 2 sails and wet hole so ends this Day

Latitude $08^{\circ} 32'$ south
Longitude $59^{\circ} 52'$ East

Saturday March the 6 all of this day calm and light variable wind from every point of the compass and squally with rain saw breeches and grompusses at 4 P.M. had a gam with the bark marcella and bark Oathenwood nothing more to say so this Day ends heading south

Latitude $08^{\circ} 25'$ south
Longitude $59^{\circ} 48'$ East

Sunday March the 7 all of this day strong breezes from the south East heading south & west and north East with pleasant weather over head and rough under foot saw 3 sails so ends this Day

Latitude $09^{\circ} 00'$ south
Longitude $59^{\circ} 49'$ East

Monday March the 8 all of this day strong breezes from the south East and East south East heading south and north East with clear weather saw 2 sails standing south so ends this Day

Latitude $09^{\circ} 48'$ south
Longitude $60^{\circ} 15'$ East

Tuesday March the 9 all of this day strong breezes from the East south East with pleasant weather heading south at 6 A.M. tacked ship to the north East saw porpoisses and 2 sails broke out for bread and made 2 swabs so ends this Day

Latitude $10^{\circ} 22'$ south
Longitude $59^{\circ} 37'$ East