

Bark Slope in the Indian Ocean 1852

Wednesday March the 10 all of this day strong breezes from the East south East heading north East with rough weather and one squall of rain broke out for water and painted the main yard and fore top sail yard and fore top gallant yard at 6 A.M. saw sperm whales and lowered the boats for them and got nothing the devil could not catch them but alone men catching them so ends this Day the whales go to hell or some other place of worship



Thursday March the 11 all of this day strong breezes from the East south East heading south and north East with clear weather over head and rough under foot saw porpoisses so ends this Day

Friday March the 12 first part of this day strong breezes and clear weather middle part strong breezes and bad rough squally weather with rain latter part clear weather the wind East south East all day heading north East at 6 P.M. touched on sayas de mulha banks in 30 fathoms of water and took in sail and touched ship and stood south saw porpoisses and one fin back employed making a cubic main sail for the larboard boat so ends this Day.

Saturday March the 13 first part of this day strong breezes from the East south East heading north East middle part squally bad weather with rain the wind from every point of the compass heading south latter part calm heading north by East broke out for beef at 8 1/2 A.M. lowered one boat for black fish saw plenty of porpoisses and caught nothing so ends this Day

Sunday March the 14 this day all sorts of weather strong breezes from the East and calm with thunder and lightning and rain heading north and East saw 2 sails at 10 A.M. spoke the bark Paulina of New Bedford 27 months out captain took with 700 lbs of sperm oil and he came on board and had a game all day killed a hog and had fresh pork for dinner

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Monday March the 15 all of this day calm and light breezes from the south East heading to the north East with pleasant weather employed breaking out for bread and flour and raisins and cheese and slops and boat boards and several other things to numerous to mention saw black fish and 2 sails and finished gassing with the Paulina at 10 P.M. so ends this Day

Tuesday March the 16 all of this day light breezes from the East south East heading south by west with fine weather employed breaking out for water at 4 P.M. went on board of the bark Paulina to gun and trade with boat boards and tin pots at 6 P.M. the bark united states came down and we had a general gam till 11 1/2 P.M. when the gam broke up for this time saw one more strange sail standing to the north East so ends this Day

Wednesday March the 17 first part of this day pleasant weather middle and latter parts bad squally weather with rain and wind the wind from the Eastward heading to the north north East with sharp lightning broke one of the horns of the main top mast across trees of saw 4 sails at 6 P.M. the captain went on board of the bark catenwood and had a gam so ends this Day

Thursday March the 18 all of this day light breezes from the East south East steering north and north west with pleasant employed fitting the main stay say 1 sail so ends this Day

Friday March the 19 all of this day calm and light breezes from the East south East steering north west employed taring the jib stay and the eyes of the fore top mast rigging and mending the fore top sail and plaining the knots off the fore top mast of saw porpoisses and one sulphur bottom so ends this Day