

Bark. Hope in the Indian Ocean 1852

Saturday March the 20 all of this day light breezes from the East south East steering north west by west and north west with fine weather employed white washing the fore-castle to kill bed bugs and white washing the tray works to make them shine saw five backs and porpoises so ends this white washing Day

Latitude $07^{\circ}41'$ South
Longitude $57^{\circ}28'$ East

Sunday March the 21 all of this day light breezes from the East steering north west by north and west north west with pleasant weather saw porpoises and five backs so ends this Day

Latitude $07^{\circ}09'$ South
Longitude $56^{\circ}47'$ East

Monday March the 22 all of this day light breezes from the East to the south East steering west by south in the day time and lying a-bark in the night heading south south East employed breaking out for sails and rigging and gave a new jib and flying jib down haul and bent the fore top mast standing sail and set it and bent the new flying jib and are making a main top mast stay sail out of the old flying jib we are bound to shine saw nothing but sky and water so ends this remarkable Day

Latitude $07^{\circ}05'$ South
Longitude $56^{\circ}28'$ East

Tuesday March the 23 all of this day fine breezes from the south East with pleasant weather at 6 P.M. let go the anchor at the island of Ootery and the starboard watch went on shore to catch turtle and caught 3 then came off at 7 P.M. and the larboard watch went on shore to pick greens the starboard watch employed boating of the turtle so ends this Day with the anchor down in 12 fathoms of water

Ootery island

Wednesday March the 24 first and middle parts of this day bad squally weather with rain and thunder and lightning the wind from every point of the compass latter part light breezes from the west north west with fine weather at 2 P.M. the boat came off from shore with 4 logs at 3 P.M. got under way and went to sea steering north by East and so ends this Day and so ends my short visit at the island of Ootery

Latitude $06^{\circ}26'$ South
Longitude $56^{\circ}15'$ East

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Thursday March the 25 first part of this day light breezes from the west south west steering East north East middle part bad squally weather with rain and lightning the wind from every point of the compass heading every where and going nowhere latter part calm and light breezes from every point of the compass heading to the north and west saw nothing and saw nothing of consequence so this Day ends

Latitude $05^{\circ}44'$ South
Longitude $57^{\circ}12'$ East

Friday March the 26 all of this day fine weather and light breezes from the East steering north by west and north West broke out for water the carpenter making a main top mast cross tree saw five backs and porpoises so ends this Day

Latitude $04^{\circ}52'$ South
Longitude $56^{\circ}50'$ East

Saturday March the 27 all of this day light breezes from the East and East south East steering north West and west by north with pleasant weather employed at various jobs on the rigging finished the main top mast cross tree saw five backs and porpoises at 7 P.M. saw the Seychelle islands so ends this Day

Latitude $04^{\circ}11'$ South
Longitude $56^{\circ}21'$ East

Sunday March the 28 first part of this day light breezes from the north East heading west north west with fine weather middle and latter parts calm and light breezes from every point of the compass heading every where with thunder and lightning and rain the Seychelle islands in sight and porpoises and black fish in sight so this Day ends

Latitude $04^{\circ}00'$ South
Longitude $56^{\circ}12'$ East

Monday March the 29 all of this day calm and breezes from every point of the compass going north East and round some light squalls of rain in the middle part the Seychelle islands in sight saw black fish and five backs employed at a little of every thing as usual so ends this Day in a heavy squall of wind and rain

Latitude and Longitude No Observation

Tuesday March the 30 first part of this day rain squally weather middle and latter part calm and light breezes from the south heading to the west the land in sight at 2 1/2 P.M. spoke the at fraction of new bed pond 500 lbs of speron oil

Latitude $3^{\circ}52'$ South
Longitude $56^{\circ}11'$ East