

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1852

Saturday April the 10 all of this day calm and light breezes from the Eastward heading to the southward and westward with fine weather employed fitting and rigging the main top gallant yard and caught some large albacore saw few birds and porpoises and painted the main top gallant yard so this Day ends Latitude 08u 32 south Longitude 58u 42 East

Sunday April the 11 all of this day light variable wind and pleasant weather heading south East at 8 P.M. tacked ship and stood to the northward and Eastward saw plenty of fish so ends this Day Latitude 08u 30 south Longitude 59u 00 East

Monday April the 12 all of this day light breezes and variable with fine weather heading south and north East employed at a little of every thing broke out for provision and water and fitted some block straps at 5 1/2 P.M. lowered one boat for black fish saw few birds and porpoises and got nothing so this Day ends Latitude 08u 06 south Longitude 59u 15 East

Tuesday April the 13 all of this day light variable wind and fine weather heading south at 1 P.M. tacked ship and stood East north East employed at every thing broke out for cheese the last fore this day the cooper making buckets saw nothing worth looking at so ends this Day Latitude 08u 29 south Longitude 59u 17 East

Wednesday April the 14 all of this day light breeze from the south East and East South East heading East south East at 8 A.M. tacked ship and stood south with fine weather all day the carpenter and all of the wise men on board employed making improvement on the tiller saw nothing I don't now how she will make out she make a hell of a racket my how so this Day ends Latitude 08u 12 south Longitude 59u 36 East

The cooper making buckets busy times at our house and no mistake

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Thursday April the 15 all of this day strong breezes from the East and some squally with rain the middle and latter parts heading south and north East finished the clock work on the tiller saw nothing of consequence so ends this Day Latitude 08u 58 south Longitude 59u 43 East

Friday April the 16 all of this day strong breezes from the East south East and some squally with rain heading south at 6 A.M. tacked ship and stood north East employed breaking out for water saw few birds and sulphur bot tons so this Day ends Latitude 09u 38 south Longitude 59u 58 East

Saturday April the 17 all of this day light breezes from the East south East with fine weather steering various courses cruising on the west side of Seyde malha banks saw few birds and porpoises so ends this Day Latitude 09u 24 south Longitude 60u 09 East

Sunday April the 18 all of this day fine weather and light breezes from the East south East steering north west and north South East and laid with the main yard aback all night heading north East at 1 P.M. rounded on Seyde malha banks and found 22 fathoms of water saw nothing killed a boy so this Day ends fresh pork fore and aft Latitude 09u 04 south Longitude 59u 50 East

Monday April the 19 all of this day fine weather and light breezes from the Eastward steering to the north in the day time and laid with the main yard aback all night saw black fish and few birds employed fitting rigging and block straps so ends this Day Latitude 08u 50 south Longitude 59u 25 East

Tuesday April the 20 first part of this day light breezes and fine weather middle and latter parts strong breezes and some squalls of rain in the middle parts the wind East all day heading north East and west north west employed breaking out for flour and set up the larboard side of the main rigging saw a breach so ends this Day Latitude 08u 04 south Longitude 58u 56 East