

Bark Slope in the Indian Ocean 1852

Wednesday April the 21 all of this day fine weather and light breezes from the eastward steering north west by west and west north west employed setting up the starboard side of the main rigging saw five backs and porpoises so ends this Day

Latitude 0 70 43 south
Longitude 57 16 East

Thursday April the 22 first part of this day light breezes and fine weather middle and latter part strong breezes and squally with some rain the forenoon the eastward all all day steering north west and north west by west employed at several jobs about the ship saw five backs and caught a porpoise at 9 1/2 A.M. touched on tortoise bank in 17 fathoms of water so this Day ends

Latitude 0 60 43 south
Longitude 56 06 East

Friday April the 23 first and middle parts of this day light variable wind and fine weather latter part strong breezes from every point of the compass and squally with rain steering to the north and west employed bowling out a porpoise and broke out for provision and water at 7 P.M. saw one of the Seychelle islands so this Day ends one sail in sight

Latitude 0 50 37 south
Longitude 55 12 East

Saturday April the 24 all of this day strong breezes from the eastward with squally weather and rain and thunders and lightning steering west north west in the day time and tail aback at night heading north east employed at ships duty at 4 P.M. saw a sperm whale and lowered for him but of no use the Seychelle in sight so ends this Day

Latitude 0 50 23 south
Longitude 54 50 East

Sunday April the 25 all of this day strong breezes from the east south east with squally rainy weather steering north west by west at 7 A.M. saw sperm whale and lowered for them and the starboard struck one and got stove but got the whale and took him along side at 12 A.M. and got ready for outting so ends this Day

Starboard boat 

Latitude 0 40 58 south
Longitude 54 13 East

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Monday April the 26 all of this day light breezes from every point of the compass heading every where and going no where with bad squally weather and plenty of rain finished outting in the whale and went to bowling saw nothing but one sail and sharp lightning so this Day ends

Latitude 0 40 58 south
Longitude 54 18 East

Tuesday April the 27 all of this day light breezes from the south east heading east north east and south west with squally weather and rain finished bowling at 10 A.M. saw one of the Seychelle islands and took in the starboard boat and put one of the old ones on the anas and put the new one over head so ends this Day

Latitude 0 50 00 south
Longitude 54 35 East

Wednesday April the 28 all of this day light breezes from the east south east with some light squalls of rain steering to the northward and westward in the day time and hove aback at night heading south west employed at every thing took the starboard boat in and put her over head and broke out coffee and hams at 7 P.M. saw one on makee banks in 16 fathoms of water at 7 P.M. spoke the bark company of new bedford 11 accounts out 170 bbls of sperm oil captain Macomber our captain went on board and had a gun so that ends this Day

Latitude 0 40 56 south
Longitude 54 09 East

Thursday April the 29 all of this day strong breezes from the east ward with squally weather and some rain at 6 P.M. touched on makee banks and caught some fish employed breaking out and stowing down oil in the fore hold heading to the northward and westward so ends this Day

Latitude 0 40 25 south
Longitude 54 07 East

Friday April the 30 all of this day fine breezes from the east south east with pleasant weather heading north east finished stowing down the oil and broke out for flour the carpenter repairing casks and the carpenter mending the starboard boat one sail in sight so this Day ends

Latitude 0 30 51 south
Longitude 54 25 East