

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1852

Saturday May the 1 all of this day fine breezes from the southward and Eastward heading south & west and East north East with pleasant weather finished mending the larboard boat and commenced mending the starboard boat saw nothing at 6 P.M. spoke the bark Bruce of fairhaven captain dyer 11 mounts out nothing our captain went on board and hail a gun so ends this Day

Latitude $0^{\circ}31'31''$ South
Longitude $54^{\circ}12'20''$ East

Sunday May the 2 first part of this day squally with rain middle and latter parts light breeze from the south East steering south west with fine weather saw one sail so ends this Day

Latitude $0^{\circ}31'39''$ South
Longitude $54^{\circ}13'31''$ East

Monday May the 3 all of this day light and strong breezes from the south East heading south west and south & west with squally weather and some rain the cooper setting up pipe shooks to put water in the fore stay parted and we put a stopper on saw black fish and cow fish and caught two dolphins nothing more to day so this Day ends

Latitude $0^{\circ}31'53''$ South
Longitude $54^{\circ}12'12''$ East

Tuesday May the 4 all of this day strong breezes from the south East and south south East with a clear weather heading south & west at 2 P.M. took ship and stood East at 12 P.M. touched on makee banks in 7 fathoms of water the cooper setting up shooks painted the starboard and larboard boats and several other jobs too numerous to mention saw the Seyakelle islands and caught a porpoise so this Day ends

Latitude $0^{\circ}41'04''$ South
Longitude $54^{\circ}44'$ East

Wednesday May the 5 all of this day light breezes from the south East heading south & west and East north East some squalls of rain in the middle part finished setting up shooks and mended the waist boat the land Latitude $0^{\circ}41'04''$ South in sight saw 3 sails so ends this Day Longitude $54^{\circ}57'$ East standing whole watches

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Thursday May the 6 all of this day light variable wind from the south East to the south & west heading west by south and south East employed getting ready for to go in to port painted the waist boat all of the heavenly land in sight so ends this Day Latitude $0^{\circ}41'13''$ South Longitude No Observation

Friday May the 7 all of this day light breezes from the west with fine weather steering for makee harbour and arrived at 1 P.M. and let go the anchor and received a visit from the doctor and the captain went on shore employed getting casks on shore for water so ends this Day all safe in the city of makee

Anchor

Saturday May the 8 all of this day fine weather and all hands on board employed fitting the new fore stay and setting up fore top mast stays and main top mast and main top gallant stays and some men on shore filling water and some washing ship at 4 P.M. captain called of the bark boat arrived from Praslin and reports the charbon packet in Praslin nothing more so ends this Day

Anchor

Sunday May the 9 all of this day fine pleasant weather and the starboard watch on shore on liberty a few founts of on board to take dinner so ends this Day

Anchor

Monday May the 10 all of this day fine weather and the Larboard watch on shore on liberty employed painting ship so ends this Day

Anchor

Tuesday May the 11 all of this day fine weather and the Starboard watch on shore on liberty employed painting ship one bark and one schooner arrived so ends this Day

Anchor