

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1852

Saturday June the 5<sup>th</sup> all of this day strong gales from the south & East heading south west with bad squally weather and some rain employed breaking out the fore hole for rigging and sails rove new reef takers at the fore and main and bent the new fore top mast stay sail and several other sails so numerous to mention so this Day ends

Latitude 05<sup>o</sup> 07' South  
Longitude 52<sup>o</sup> 25' East

Sunday June the 6<sup>th</sup> all of this day bad weather and strong breezes from the south & East heading south west and standing whole watches bound to some unknown part saw nothing but big seas and black clouds and clear sky so this rough Lords Day ends

Latitude 06<sup>o</sup> 10' South  
Longitude 51<sup>o</sup> 16' East

Monday June the 7<sup>th</sup> all of this day strong breezes from the south & East with rough bad weather heading south west employed at a little of every thing the carpenter sailing the sheathing on to the starboard beam and some of the sailors turning pumpkins up side down saw porpoises and plenty of birds so ends this Day

Latitude 07<sup>o</sup> 19' South  
Longitude 49<sup>o</sup> 48' East

Tuesday June the 8<sup>th</sup> all of this day fine breezes from the south & East heading south west with pleasant weather employed breaking out for water and flour and some light falls on the rigging unbent the fore top gallant sail and caught a porpoise so ends this Day

Latitude 08<sup>o</sup> 08' South  
Longitude 48<sup>o</sup> 32' East

Wednesday June the 9<sup>th</sup> first part of this day pleasant weather middle and latter parts strong gales from the south East with bad rough weather and some terrible squalls of wind and rain steering south west employed at some light falls on the rigging the carpenter repairing casks stanching whole watches and 7 men sleep in all night and one sick one five men reef top sails in a gale of wind and some rain so this Day ends

Latitude 08<sup>o</sup> 56' South  
Longitude 47<sup>o</sup> 25' East

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Thursday June the 10<sup>th</sup> all of this day strong breezes from the south East steering west south west all but 4 hours heading East north East with clear weather employed setting up the fore top gallant back stays and made new foot ropes for the flying jib boom at 9 A.M. saw the island of Aldabra and plenty of birds so ends this Day

Latitude 09<sup>o</sup> 21' South  
Longitude 46<sup>o</sup> 16' East

Friday June the 11<sup>th</sup> all of this day strong breezes from the south East at 4 P.M. went to anchor at the island of Aldabra and the larboard watch went on shore to catch some turtle and caught none came on board and got under way and went to sea steering south & west after a short stop of 14 hours employed stowing anchors and abain and broke out for provisions and wet hole and broke out for butter saw plenty of rats on and land crabs on shore so that will do for this Day

Latitude 09<sup>o</sup> 41' South  
Longitude 46<sup>o</sup> 00' East  
14 hours with the moon down for nothing it will be down 2 months

Saturday June the 12<sup>th</sup> all of this day strong breezes from the south heading west south west and north west by west with rough weather and some squalls of rain saw one sail an English bark bound East killed a fish so ends this Day

Latitude 09<sup>o</sup> 49' South  
Longitude 44<sup>o</sup> 51' East

Sunday June the 13<sup>th</sup> all of this day strong breezes from the south steering west and west and west north west in the day time and bore to at night heading west south west had some terrible squalls of wind and rain in the middle part of this of this day saw nothing but porpoises and caught a high living fresh pig and porpoise and pumpkins pie first a feast and then a famin so ends this Sunday

Latitude 08<sup>o</sup> 43' South  
Longitude 42<sup>o</sup> 52' East