

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1852

Sunday December the 5 all of this day light breezes from the south east steering west and west south west fine weather and some light showers of rain 4 sails in sight at 6 P.M. saw the Seychelle islands hauled in to anchor for the last time so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ}13'$ south Longitude $55^{\circ}57'$ East

Monday December the 6 all of this day fine weather and some light breezes from the south East steering west south west with some light showers of rain saw 4 sails at 11 P.M. arrived at the island of Praslin and left go the anchor and received a visit from the Docton and the captain went on shore employed breaking out casks and took them on shore for water and broke out for bread and flour and took some fruit on board and a dog and killed him and had some company on board from shore.

so ends this Day paradise for ever *Anchor*

Tuesday December the 7 all of this day fine weather and all hands on board employed breaking of wood and water and stowing it down had some company to take supper so ends this Day all safe in paradise *I hope*

Wednesday December the 8 all of this Day fine weather and the landward watch on shore on liberty so ends this Day *Anchor*

Thursday December the 9 all of this day fine weather and the landward watch on shore on liberty so ends this Day *Anchor*

Friday December the 10 all of this day fine weather and all hands on board going ready to go sea so ends this Day *Anchor*

Saturday December the 11 all of this day fine weather at 7 P.M. took our anchor and went to sea steering north east so ends this Day good by to the island

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Sunday December the 12 all of this day calm and light breezes from the south west heading to the south East saw 2 sails the land in sight killed a pig and 4 chickens so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ}05'$ south Longitude $56^{\circ}06'$ East

Monday December the 13 all of this day calm and hot weather and light breezes from the south west heading to the south East the land still in sight saw 3 sails killed 3 chickens so ends this day not a very happy Day Latitude $04^{\circ}17'$ south Longitude No Observation

Tuesday December the 14 all of this day calm hot weather and light breezes from the west steering to the southward broke out for flour and rye new fine and main and jib sheets saw one sail so ends this Day Latitude $04^{\circ}35'$ south Longitude $56^{\circ}47'$ East

Wednesday December the 15 all of this day fine weather and light breezes from the west heading south & west at 8 P.M. touched on the East end of make banks in 13 fathoms of water employed in ship's duty saw one sail killed 3 chickens so ends this day Latitude $05^{\circ}30'$ south Longitude $56^{\circ}29'$ East

Thursday December the 16 first part of this day squally with rain middle and latter parts fine weather the wind from the westward all day heading to the southward saw one sail and porpoises so ends this Day Latitude $06^{\circ}18'$ south Longitude $56^{\circ}09'$ East

Friday December the 17 all of this day calm and light breezes from the westward heading to the southward fine weather all day at 2 P.M. spoke the bark Lagrange of fairhaven 24 men out 400 bbls of sperm oil captain have man employed mending the old boat saw plenty of porpoises at 11 P.M. saw sperm whales and conveyed for them and caught none so ends this Days hard luck Latitude $06^{\circ}16'$ south Longitude $55^{\circ}50'$ East