

Bark Hope in the Indian Ocean 1853

Friday January the 7<sup>th</sup> all of this day calm and light breezes from every point of the compass steering East S East and East by north fine weather all day plenty of thunder and lightning over the land in the night time at 5 P.M. saw the land the island of nos Beh and the island of Madagascar so ends this Day the captain a little better steering for nos Beh harbour

Broke out for water Latitude 13<sup>o</sup> 32' south Longitude 47<sup>o</sup> 58' East  
Saturday January the 8<sup>th</sup> first part of this day but equally weather with rain thunder and lightning middle and latter parts fine weather and brisk breezes from the west north west steering East by south to one sail in sight a Johanna Dow employed bending over anchors Madagascar and several other islands in sight at 2 1/2 P.M. arrived at nos Beh island and let go our anchor at French town and received visit from the Doctor and the captain went on shore so ends this Day one man o war schooner in port and one Johanna Dow in port

at 6 P.M. let the Starboard anchor  
Sunday January the 9<sup>th</sup> strong breezes from the westward and fine weather in the day time and but squally weather all night with thunder and lightning and rain at 6 P.M. hove up the anchors and went one ships length down the harbour and let go the larboard anchor and got breakfast at 8 P.M. some of the larboard watch went on shore on what some folks call Liberty and came off at 4 P.M. so ends this Day

Monday January the 10<sup>th</sup> fine weather all day and thunder and lightning and rain all night and all hands employed getting 4 pipes of water and stowing it down and boiling some potatoes and fruit and boiling with Frenchman and took a lot of fowls on board and a bag of rice so ends this Day the captain is born again

Tuesday January the 11<sup>th</sup> this day fine weather and bad weather at night with thunder and lightning and rain the starboard watch on shore from 7 P.M. till 12 M then came on board and got dinner at 1 P.M. took our anchor and went to sea so ends this Day beating out of the harbour with with the wind dead ahead

good by to nos Beh

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Wednesday January the 12<sup>th</sup> all of this fine weather and some squalls of rain in the night the wind from the East to the south & west steering to the westward employed lashing the anchors killed 8 chickens the land still in sight so this Day ends

Latitude 13<sup>o</sup> 25' south Longitude No Observation  
Thursday January the 13<sup>th</sup> first and middle parts of this day fine weather and light from the north & west steering west by south and west south west broke out for beef and pork latter part but squally weather with rain wind and thunder and lightning the wind from every point of the compass steering to the westward saw nothing so ends this Day

Friday January the 14<sup>th</sup> all of this day the wind from every point of the compass with some squalls of rain and thunder and lightning steering to the westward on trying to brook for molasses saw nothing so ends this day and

Saturday January the 15<sup>th</sup> all of this day calm and light variable breezes from the north west to the south & west steering west by south saw nothing employed at ships duty killed some chickens so ends this Day

Sunday January the 16<sup>th</sup> all of this day light breezes from the Eastward with some light showers of rain thunder and lightning steering most north west and west by north sent a new fore top mast studding sail

Latitude 15<sup>o</sup> 08' south Longitude 45<sup>o</sup> 11' East  
Latitude 15<sup>o</sup> 08' south Longitude 44<sup>o</sup> 35' East