

Mabel Bark Homeward bound.

1881.

Monday April 11th This day Comes in with light trade wind and very hot weather. The Course N.N.W. Saw a fleet of Merchants men outwards bound. Ends with light rain squalls. Lat 1.30° S Long 26.00° W

Wednesday April 13th Comes in with light baffling winds. the Bark working to the North. Saw a large bruch 10 miles off no wind to get to it. Yesterday saw several vessels bound South. Lat 0.34° S Long 26.45° W

Friday April 15 Comes in with light airs from all round the Compass. The Bark working to the North Middle part Calm and rainy. Ends with clear weather. Lat 0.09° S Long 26.21° W

Sunday April 17th This day Comes in with light winds and rain squalls. the Bark Steering N.N.W. Middle and latter part about the same. Saw nothing but one vessel. Lat 1.28° S Long 26.56° W

Wednesday April 20th The last three days light winds and rain squalls and Calms. The Bark Working to the North very slowly. Saw Blk fish and other small fry. Lat 2.46° S Long 29.25° W

Thursday April 21 This day fine weather and good breeze from N.E. the Bark Steering N.W. by North. Saw nothing of importance. I hope this breeze is the N.E. trade wind. Lat 4.00° S Long 31.15° W

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Friday April 22nd Comes in with fine weather and fresh trade winds the Bark Steering N.W. by North. Middle and latter part about the same. Saw nothing. Lat 5.54° S Long 33.42° W

Saturday April 23rd Comes in with fine weather and fresh trade winds the Bark Steering N.W. by North. Saw nothing. Ends with fine weather. Lat 7.58° S Long 36.18° W

Monday April 25th This day fine weather and fresh breezes from N.E. the Bark under short sail Cruising. Saw one vessel Steering to the North. Lat 12.23° S Long 39.09° W

Wednesday April 27th The last two days fine weather and moderate trade winds. the Bark Cruising under short sail. Saw several Merchantmen Steering to the North. Employed fitting rigging. Lat 12.52° S Long 41.08° W

Saturday April 30th Comes in with good weather and moderate trades the Bark Steering N.W. by North. The last three days strong trades and bad Sailing. Several vessels seen and two shoals of Blackfish. Lat 15.19° S Long 46.08° W

Sunday May 1st This day light trade winds the Course N.W. by E. Ends with light air from E.N.E. passed gulph Weed. Saw no fish of any kind. I hope we will see some Whales soon and finish up this voyage with a good cut of Spinn oil. Lat 16.45° S Long 47.48° W