

Ship Montpelier in the Indian Ocean 1841

Saturday May the 4th

All these 24 hours strong winds at N.E. and squally at sunset first two rips in the Topsails, First headed N.N.W. at 1/2 past 8 P.M. more Ship headed S.E. Latter headed E. saw one Pinback employed in Ships duty thus ends

Lat by Obs 32.57 Long by Obs 32.05 E

Sunday May the 5th

Commences with a brisk breeze at N.E. and fine pleasant weather Middle part light winds and variable with sharp lightning working to the N.E. Latter part brisk breezes at S.W. and thick overcast weather at N.E. saw nothing thus ends

Lat by Obs 34.43 Long by Obs 34.02 E

Monday May the 6th

Commences with brisk winds at S.E. and overcast clearing N.E. Middle part light variable winds and squally with rain working to the N.E. Latter part moderate winds at N.E. headed N.N.W. saw one Pinback employed painting Boats and Ships duty thus ends

Lat by Obs 36.26 Long by Obs 33.38 E

Tuesday May the 10th

Commences with moderate winds at N.E. and overcast weather heading N.N.W. Middle part much the same at 10 P.M. tacked Ship headed S.E. by E. at daylight tacked Ship headed N. employed in Ships duty thus ends. Lat by Obs 32.0 Long by Obs 33.36 E

Wednesday

Wednesday May the 11th

Commences with a strong breeze at N.E. and overcast weather heading N.N.W. At 1/2 past 3 P.M. saw sperm Whales. At 1/2 past 4 hours two Boats, the Bow Boat was on deck, and the Starboard Boat was turned up to paint. the Starboard Boat got up and close to the Ship it was near night and by that means we lost the Whales. Middle part moderate headed S.E. Latter part strong breezes and squally thick and rainey, the wind at S.E. heading S.W. under short sails thus ends

AB Obs this day

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Thursday May the 12th

Commences with light winds at S.E. and thick weather Middle and Latter part light airs and calms with rain squalls. Ship working to the N.E. at daylight one sail in sight headed to the W. at 10 A.M. the Ship in sight showed English call a.s. employed in Ships duty thus ends

Lat by Obs 36.66 South, 38.00 E

Friday May the 13th

First and Middle part light winds at S.W. and thick rain squalls Latter part light airs and fine pleasant weather steered N.E. all sail set saw one Pinback employed in Ships duty thus ends

Lat by Obs 28.40 South, Long by Obs 35.12 E

Saturday May the 14th

Commences with light airs at S. and fine pleasant weather Middle and Latter part much the same all sail set working to the N.E. First part saw one Pinback Latter saw Porpoises in great numbers. Lower and Boat chased with out success employed in Ships duty thus ends

Lat by Obs 27.42 Long by Obs 33.57 E by Obs 34.38 E

Sunday May the 15th

Commences with a fine breeze at N.E. and clear weather headed N.W. At sunset tacked Ship headed S.E. strong winds at S.E. all this night and sharp lightning, at daylight a strong gale at S.W. and a heavy Tempest and the rain fell in torrents at the same time a large sperm Whale came up close to the Ship going quick to the S.W. Ship steering N.E. by E under a two reef Main Topsail and Fore sail at 9 A.M. the wind at S. and quite moderate, the Tempest still continued, at noon the wind at S.E. and fine weather heading N. thus ends

Lat by Obs 27.39 South

Monday May the 16th

Commences with a moderate ~~bad~~ breeze at N.E. and fine weather At 2 P.M. the wind at S. and a heavy tempest with rains Middle and Latter part light airs and calms and fine pleasant weather at 10 A.M. saw a school of Billions lower two Boats but didn't see them again employed in Ships duty thus ends. Lat by Obs 27.38 S Long by Obs 35.33 E

Long by Obs 35.15 E