

Remarks On Board Bark Roscoe

Thursday August 5th 1847

Commences with strong breezes from ENE heavy weather all hands employed breaking out the hole to stow down run & east at 3 the wind freshened at 4 commenced clearing the decks & coo'de down got every thing snug as possible at 5 30 the chain parted had out 85 fathoms the swivel gave out 8 fathoms from the anchor hove it in let double reefed topsails foresail & gill. Steered to North by the wind bent the mainsail it had previously on bent it to mind but had not time to it at 8 rain thunder & lightning run off to Eastward with topsails on the caps at 10 moderate lufft to the wind to South at 2 30 wore ship at 5 started the works at 6 strong gales & clear took in 2d sail at 6 30 close reefed main & coo'de down at 8 wore ship to South all hands employed stowing down at 10 started the works more moderate the tide in light from must head

Friday 6th

Commences with fresh breezes from NNE to SE at 5 all reefs out at 3 tacked ship to NNE all hands emp. Bailing & stowing down middle stood whole watches & worked to mindward on diff. tacks later all hands emp. stowing off F. hale & Bailing ends small airs from Westward the tide 4 miles off bearing SE & S

Saturday 7th

First Part light breezes from NNE clear & pleasant at 3 PM raised the anchor Bay at 4 hooked on to the buoy-roap & have away triped the anchor & the roap parted near the anchor so it was a New 5 inch Manilla draped the other anchor & paid out 70 fath Chain middle small breezes from Eastward later off shore at 7 lowered for a whale he came out the smoke & was galled Chast 8 miles but could not come up with him at 12 returned on board calm & hot

Sunday 8th

First Part light breezes from ENE All hands emp. in Bailing & sweeping for the anchor but did not succeed in catching it middle moderate later light from NNE at 7 lowered 2 Boats for a whale all the tide Boats were off but could not get sight of him at 10 first boat Bailing at 4 PM the tide came to anchor

At Sofala Bay Kite Whaling

Monday August 9th 1847

First Part lively Breezes from East clear weather hauled the ship round the East anchor by running a stream anchor at 2 hoisted from the Tibe & have Inn on the chain stowed the chain over the anchor nearly the hole length but it slipped off at all the high hour was dumber in vain at 6 dropped the anchor again middle strong breezes from ENE to NE later more moderate ends light all hands emp. breaking out the hole & stowing down at 12 the tide got under way

Tuesday 11th

First Part Light Breezes from East fine weather all hands emp. stowing down at 4 finished stow down the decks middle fresh breezes at 6 all blowing strong from South at 8 the wind came off the land from West in a squall blue hard for a short time with heavy rain thunder & lightning ends with fresh gales from South & cloudy & a considerable sea on

Wednesday 11th

All these 24 hours strong gales from Southward at 1 PM parted the chain about 5 fath without the haws had the whole chain cut 85 fath the other chain shackled on & the shackled to the Windless Let double reef 2d sails gill & Courses & stood off shore later more moderate maid General tacks during the 24 hours but gained slowly

Thursday 12th

First & middle strong breezes from Southward at 2 PM tacked off shore at 1 PM tacked in later more moderate at 11 Let M. J. G. sail & turned the reef out F. J. sail tacked off shore the tide just in light from must head at 12 had lost 10 miles these 24 hours

Friday 13th

Commences with strong breezes from SEW by the wind to SESE at 3 double reefed & wore ship to NNE strong gales & rough sea at 6 wore ship to SESE reefed mainsail & fished the gill at 2 PM wore to the Westward later more moderate but thick & raining at 7 tacked off shore in 9 fath the came up SE at 12 SE