

Bark Moscoe off Madagascar.

Tuesday Oct 5th 1847

All these 24 hours fresh gales from ENE to SE first Part Steered South under Double reef Middle to SE under Short Sail Later on Diff. Courses to South Westward & Northward

Lat 26 10 Long 2 PM 47 40

Wednesday 6th

All these 24 hours Strong gales from NE lying Clouds on Diff. Sacks under Short Sail later Mended the Spanker to Ends & no whales Lat 25 53 Long Merid 48 00

Note Saw Experienced Game Easterly Current I believed that my Letter got home from Johanna or which caused me to think the same I did at 12 AM with Mr Smith to the same or that my Letter got home within 24 hours of the middle of these 24 hours

Thursday 7th

All these 24 hours fresh gales from NE under Double reefs the most of the time Later Saw breaches Barometer 29th Latitude 25 37 Long Merid 47 28

Friday 8th

All these 24 hours Strong gales from NE to ENE & clear under 7th Mast reef Main topsail foresail to N.W. At 6 were ship to ESE & reef the foresail Later more moderate

Friday 8th

All these 24 hours Strong gales from NE to NNE under Short Sail to on Diff. Sacks Clear weather the sea rough Lat 25 31 Long Merid 47 15

Saturday 9th

First & Middle Strong gales from NE Clear weather under Close reef Main topsail & foresail At 6 were ship to ESE & reef foresail Later more moderate under Double reefs to N.W. But no whales

Latitude 26 Long 47 00 Merid

Note Saw About 12 Miles Southward Current Barometer 29th 7th Sunday 10th

Commenced with strong breezes from South & clear under Double reefs to N.W. At 2 moderate wind cut reefs & set 7th sails At 4 raised Sperm Whales to the ESE 3 miles off lowered all the boats it being calm they were coming quick direct for the ship & came in sight before either boat could get near enough to shoot but the West boat succeeded in getting up to a whale & the boatster mist him they went off to N.W. At 11 the wind breezed from the Lat 25 40 Long 46 45 about 12 miles strong from South & equally steered on Diff. Courses to N. East & N.W.

For Sperm Whales

Monday Oct 11th

At 12.30 Saw a number hump backs the water green Steered to ESE under single reef Middle & later strong winds from South to SSE equally with slight rain At Antivills Steered to SW by the wind R. Observations

Tuesday 12th

All these 24 hours fresh gales from SE on Diff. Sacks Later to Southward But no whales Lat Obs 26 45 Long Merid 47 18

Wednesday 13th

All these 24 hours fresh gales from ESE to East first Part Steered to Northward Saw a Sail Steering to Westward later to N.W. by the wind under Double reefs thick with light rain No Observation Lat Account 26 00 Long 46 55

Thursday 14th

First Part fresh gales from East Cloudy weather later strong gales from East heaving to under Close reef Main topsail foresail & Mainsails headed to wire Mast stay Cloudy Latitude Obs 26 13 Long 46 51 East

Friday 15th

All these 24 hours Strong gales from East to ENE & over casts heaving to under Short Sail later on best Main topsail to mend Lat 26 12

Saturday 16th Long Merid 46 40

All these 24 hours Strong gales from East to ESE Middle & later clear but smoky headed to Northward first Part foresail & bent Main topsail Middle & later heaving to under Close reef Mainsail & reef foresail later in green water Lat Obs 25 59 Long 45 38 Note Saw Exp 25 miles N.W. Current Barometer 29 7 4th

Sunday 17th

All these 24 hours Strong gales from East clear but smoky weather under Close reef Mainsails & reef foresail At 1 PM were ship to SSE At 8 AM to N.W. reef Mainsail & set it the sea bad Lat Obs 26 57 Note Saw Experienced a strong N.W. wind Long Merid 45 15 Barometer 29 6 10th to 29 7

Monday 18th

First Part fresh gales from East clear weather under Close reef & reef Courses to N.W. At 6 were ship to SSE later more moderate from ESE under single reefs to Ends & no whales Lat Obs 28 01 Long Merid 45 13