

Remarks On Board Bark Roscoe
Saturday April 22nd

All these 24 hours light moderate weather wind from South Eastward At 4 PM the Boat came from shore without any Vegetables with the exception of A Bucket of Onions & few Bananers At 8 past the 3rd Bluff At 12 Merid about 5 miles from the Anchorage of Port Louis Small Breeze from the Westward At 2 past Meridian came to anchor off the Bell Buoy in 13 fathoms

Note the Roscoe lighted to anchor at the Bell Buoy from April 22nd till May 1st the great difficulty of Raising Money sufficient to undergo the repairs necessary was the Cause of Delay After finding that there was no other Means than by Selling or Shipping Oil to raise A sufficient sum & After calculating & weighing the Matter & taking every thing into due consideration I thought the best Method to Act on was to Ship A quantity of sperm Oil to London whereby I could draw & have An advance on the same without much or any danger of Loss in the End but by Selling At \$40 per ton would be A great Sacrifice — On the 1st of May I ordered the Steamer to tow the Ship in the Next Day A survey was called & held & they recommended the Ship to be lightened & to go on the Patent Slip to replace the Sheathing & A New Foremast &c &c the Ship was Discharged except the ground beam & then succeeded in repairing the Ship sufficient to bring Replace the Sheathing lost it was done & called upon A New Foremast put in place Booms Boat & David &c &c the Cargo with the Exception of 200 bbls of sperm Oil was taken in & Water & Provisions &c & on the 28th sailed out the Harbour I should of said A Much quicker Dispatch had there not been any Detention Discharging & Loading & other humbug

off Mauritius Cruising for S. Whales
Sunday April 25th May 28th 1848

These 24 hours Commenced with light Easterly winds the Ship was all ready to proceed out of the Harbour to the Belbuoy leaving by the wharfs At 8 AM Dispatched by the Police the Pilot on Board set all sail & set go the Sails & started out of the Harbour stood out some Distance At 12 Returned to anchor to the Belbuoy & fired the Sails So Ends Monday 29th

All these 24 hours lively trades from SE fine weather later Commenced making ship so ends with all the hatches closed & the Capt on shore firing his bells to A Close Tuesday 30th

First part first from SE later strong fine weather Capt in various gales At 5 PM took off the hatches & let out the Smoke but found to my great astonishment & Dissatisfaction that the rats were not all dead we also put A fire in the arches to kill the rats & maid A considerable smoke & about 30 men of Mr Boat immediately came out thinking that the Ship had taken fire Wednesday 31st

First Part fresh Breeze from SE to ESE At 6 PM came off with All my Papers & Bills & ready for Sea At 6 AM Maid sail took my Anchor & stood out to Sea At 12 off the 3rd lead of the Island with strong winds from ESE flying clouds & A rough sea

Thursday June 1st 1848
F All these 24 hours strong double reef topsail Breezes from East to ESE flying clouds & A very rough sea on diff tacks from 10 to 30 miles from land saw nothing but Porpooses skipjacks & flyfish & A plenty of them Friday, Wednesday 3rd

All these 24 hours strong gales from ESE some squally At 12 tacked to SE At 8 PM past the 3rd Bluff or the Horn of Bourbon & started Along the Coast later part of the Night maid several tacks to work in to the Bay At 7 AM about 6 miles from the Bell Buoy I found by Examining my Bills Carefully the Day previous that the Consuls Accounts Nor Mr Gousons Bills were not Signed I then determined to go on shore to have them Signed & did so & At 12 Returned So Ends

Saturday 3
All these 24 hours fresh gales Clear first part started on diff Courses off & Along the Island saw A humpback the wind blew A strong gail wind under that sail under the lee of the Island later more moderate then to Southward A Merid the Horn of Bourbon Bore 6 PM Dist 6 miles So Ends