

Ship's Logbook Clement Hammond

1834 Jan 31, Friday
At 4. part 4 P.M. came to anchor at Cape Town in Table Bay, Capt Hammond went on shore after being visited by the Harbour Master - - - down till 4 part 9 P.M. let go Harbours Anchor

1834 Feb 1, Saturday
This day commences with strong flow of wind off the land and pleasant weather, let up Harbours Anchor, let one third of the crew go on shore on liberty, scraped the ship out side and blacked the benches with coal tar, at sunset paid out chain to 60 fathoms, liberty men returned, (two excepted) P.M. The - - -

1834 Feb 2, Sunday
There 24 hours commences with very light air from the Eastward & sighted the Prisoner at 6 A.M. one third of the crew on liberty, P.M. and the return'd, - - - Latter part of day from the Southward and Eastward liberty men returned (two excepted) Carpenter and J. Young, - - -

1834 Feb 3, Monday
There 24 hours commences with extremely pleasant weather, let some of the crew go on shore on liberty, painted ship outside - - -

1834 Feb 4, Tuesday
This day is very pleasant, some of the crew on liberty, employ'd painting & - - - took on board some potatoes and onions - - -

1834 Feb 5, Wednesday
This day is pleasant, let some men go on shore, at sunset the men returned, bringing with them J. Young, the Cook being very sick, also David Lapum, with threatening of that I was obliged to knock the Cook down - - - Carpenter and Patrick are on shore yet, - - - Lapum says that the Capt himself should not strike another man in the ship. - - -

1834 Feb 6, Thursday
Pleasant weather, all hands on board except the Capt, Carpenter, and Patrick, took on board some bread & - - - three American Whaleships arrived here, at 10 P.M. blowing very fresh, and two ships ahead drifting down on us, I let go Harbours Anchor and paid out to 75 fathoms on Starboard Chain, - - -

1834 Feb 7, Friday
Pleasant weather and very strong breeze from the Southward and Eastward, ship South Boston and Java, drifted past me, - - - Carpenter, Tho: & Patrick on shore, below, at American to sailing. - - -

1834 Feb 8, Saturday
Strong winds and pleasant, Capt Hammond went on board and called all the crew that were on board, aft, told them, he should sail under the same flag (American) that was hoisted when we left the United States, also told them that he should not

Master lying at anchor at the Cape of Good Hope, - - - donate one particle from the rules and regulations laid down when we left the United States, all on board agreed to comply, - - - Randall, Tho: Dickson, and David are now on shore, the rest on board, (Carpenter excepted) concluded to stay on shore, - - -

1834 Feb 9, Sunday
This day quite pleasant but strong winds, Randall come on board, Tho: Dickson, David Lapum and the Carpenter are on shore, the Carpenter not having returned, since he first went on shore, - - - below, at previous to sailing, - - -

1834 Feb 10, Monday
This day commences with very pleasant weather, let up Harbours Anchor and hoisted some of the Starboard Chain, sent the top gallant yards aloft, latter part strong winds, let go Harbours Anchor and paid out to 80 fathoms, Starboard Chain, Carpenter, Dickson and David Lapum have not come near the ship, took on board 4 sheep and some cabbage, & for use, - - -

1834 Feb 11, Tuesday
Pleasant weather and light winds, at 10 A.M. Capt Hammond come on board, weighed anchor and proceeded to sea, leaving behind us Tho: Dickson, the Carpenter, and David Lapum, they having deserted us, - - -

1834 Feb 12, Wednesday
There 24 hours commences with light air from South and West on a wind, steering N.W. by W, at 5 P.M. Lion's Ramp bore S. S. E. Middle part strong breeze from S.W. - - - latter part fine wind, from S.W. and pleasant steering N.W. on a wind, employ'd putting the boat in order for whaling, - - -

1834 Feb 13, Thursday
There 24 hours commences with fine breeze from S.W. steering on a wind to the Westward, saw a ship standing to the Eastward, - - - one whale in sight in this day to us
Lat By 16 34.54 Long By Chronometer 184.0

Friday Feb 14
Succurs with moderate breeze from the S.W. and pleasant headed by to the S.W. all sail set to the best advantage at 4 P.M. the wind hauled to the N.E. took ship to the S.W. each in fine weather.
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Saturday Feb 15
Succurs with moderate breeze from the S.W. and pleasant headed by to the S.W. all sail set to the best advantage with fore which hauled to the S.W. took ship to the S.W. each head of fore and aft in pleasant weather. No whale seen.
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