

Bruce cruise off the N.E. of Madagascar 1847

Wednesday January 10 begins with squally rainy weather heading N.W. by N at sunset the fore topsails were reefed the fore masted up masts set fore and were reefed masts with part arm and heavy last part fine weather made all sail hoisted to the N and E by the wind to on down ship heading N.W. by N so ends

Thursday January 11 begins with light breezes from the N.E. heading N.W. by N by the wind at 2 P.M. took in the fore topsails at sundown double reefed the topsails fished the mainsails took in the fore masts part light breezes from E headed N by E last part the same headed by the wind set grassmasts so ends

Friday January 12 begins fine with light breezes from E heading N.W. by E by the wind under all sails at sunset the wind shifted to N.E. braced round the yards heading E.S.E. at 8 were round headed ~~at 9~~ at 9 were round headed E by east part headed N.E. by E fine weather

Bruce of the N.E. part of Madagascar 1847

Saturday January 13 begins fine with light area from N.W. by N heading N.E. by E the wind at sunset took in the fore topsails with part light breezes from N.W. by N at daylight set the fore topsails last part moderate breezes steered E.N.E. so ends

Sunday January 14 fine weather with moderate breezes from N.W. steering E by S at sunset took in the light sails double reefed the topsails took in fore and spank with part squally rainy weather at 8 P.M. fished the fore topsails took in the fore sails last part strong breezes struck the reefed out of the topsails set the courses so by masts steered E.S.E. the wind N.W. by N so ends

Monday January 15 begins with strong breezes from N.W. steered S.E. at sunset double reefed the main topsails fished the fore topsails and mainsails and reefed to the wind heading N.W. by N last part strong breezes struck the reefed out of the fore and main topsails at 9 P.M. set the fore and spank and made shift heading N.E. by E so ends

Lat 7° 57' 30" Lon 59° 42' 30"