Bark Bruce cruising off Comoro Islands M

Monday 26 commences squally with strong breezes from Eastward inclining to the north and East at 8 P.M. double reaped the topsails at sunset took in the main sail & spanker made part squally took in the mainsail foresail & portmansail hauling up & at 10 P.M. set the main sail at daylight set whole topsails and left galantsails at 8 hoisted & and Eastward so ends lat 0° 20 S long 48 58

Tuesday 27 commences squally at 8 P.M. took in the top galantsail in hauling up the mainsail at 8 P.M. hauled round the wind from E heading S by E made part heading S by E last part variable near ing from N to E so ends long 47 0 E lat 8 S

Wednesday 28 commences squally with variable wind heading from N to S all hands employed hauling out the young tier to cooper made part fine at 12 in 30 minutes the wind hauling to N E hauled ship heading E N E at daylight made all sail so ends lat 7 48 S long 45 = 08 E

Thursday 29 commences fine with light breezes from S E heading E N E by the wind at 8 P.M. the cook name Samuel Johnson fell from the fib boom towards the larboard boat but he went down for the last time before the boat could get to him and we never saw more of him he was found

h Bruce off the East Coast of Africa

he belonged to Rodiland in Britain aged 23 years made fast fine mean squally and coarse at 3 A.M. took a long spell down the topsails hauled up the course with variable light daylight hoisted up the topsails set the course fine weather hauling from to 8 A.M. all hands employed hauling out the mainsail to cooper and putting it with salt water sound lat 07 = 26 S long 45 = 09 E

Friday 30 commences fine with light airs from E heading from N to S A.M. all hands employed hauling to cooper at 7 AM ship heading to the N E & the wind hauling to N N E were ship heading from N E to S W last part fine made all sail all hands employed hauling for shooks cooper employed set them up ends lat 07.59 S long 45 = 22 E

Saturday 31 commences fine with light airs from N heading S and E the cooper employed making shooks at sunset took in the main topsail & topgallantsail the wind shifted braced round the yards heading to the south west made fast earn at 12 light airs from N S E heading N E at daylight the wind hauled were ship heading S W at 10 A.M. braced round heading to N and E so ends