

April 1849

## Bruce cruising of the E of Africa 1849

Sunday April the 1 commences fine with verable winds heading S.W. all hands employed breaking out the and cooping to fill with salt water or grampasses. middle part light breeze and verable at day light made all sails stowed to the land E at 11 A.M. so a shoal of sperm whales half past 11. ~~11.15~~ of 20 ends lat 29.04 Long 45.15.5

Monday April the 2 commences fine the boat off chasing Whales at 2 P.M. the barbed boat struck and killed at 9 P.M. took him sailing away by the whale at daylight took a speck off rain at 8 A.M. commenced cutting so ends lat 29.12.2 Long 45.42

Tuesday 3 commences fine all hands employed cutting at 8 finished and cleared up the decks and sails heading to the South at 8.10 commenced boiling fine weather last light breeze heading South so ends lat 29.12.2 Long 45.51 E

Wednesday 4 commences fine heading to the South sailing at daylight finished commencing stowing down the ground for and breaking out the meat masts to coopers last part fine 10.08.0 so spoke to windward so ends 4.44.5 E

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Thursday 5 commences fine with light breeze from E.S.E. heading to the S.W. all hands employed cooping masts and clearing decks middle part light breeze S. and E. heading E at 12.10.0 heading S.W. by the wind last part verable Grand comoro in sight bearing S.W. by E. 30 blackfish and jammers all hands employed spearing masts so ends lat 29.25.5 Long 44.12.2 E

Friday 6 commences with light breeze from S and W heading to the Eastward all hands employed stowing down at 4 P.M. finished and cleared up the decks and washed off masts middle part moderate breeze from S heading E by S last part the same so ends lat 10.22 Long 44.15

Saturday the 7 commences squally with rain the wind from S.E. heading S.W. so far as the part squally light in the lightest masts latter up are coopers chud down masts at 12 sat them again last part strong breeze from S heading W.S.W. two Grand comoro seen in sight bearing S.W. Distance 35 miles lat 10.45 Long 45.51 E

Sunday the 8 commences squally with strong breezes from S heading S.E. Grand comoro in sight bearing S.W. by E. 30 miles middle part verable masts heading up to coopers last part strong breezes and squally so ends