

18th June 1864 Saturday.

This morning early Mrs East moved into Morley's cabin, and was confined at 9 a.m. of a daughter, she is now very seriously ill. The Captain tried to signal one of the ships (of which there are none in sight) for a Doctor but did not succeed, why I do not know - Day fine with the exception of a few slight showers - plenty of fish about - principally Flying fish, Perch, & Dolphin, but we could not get them to take bait, about 10 a.m. saw a white shark a very rare thing about here. They are more commonly seen in the bay of Bengal.

The Captain told us that a shark followed a ship from the line to Liverpool and into one of the docks where it was caught. Mr. Houllie's dog bit the Captain's son. Colin today all the dogs are now to be kept fastened up and those who have not paid for their dogs must now pay.

19th June 1864 Sunday.

Mrs East much better this morning. During the night we were going between 8 & 10 knots, so we must now be in the S.E. trades in the afternoon Macnaghten and I were reading in the Mizen top, when some of the Jacks came up and lashed us up until we promised to pay the fine "a bottle of Whiskey" after tea Wyatt and I sat for some time on the Mizen royal yard, and took the truck off the Mizen royal mast. I afterwards went to the top of the Main Royal mast and held on by the lightning conductor. At 11 a.m. passed the bark "Lion & Jane" 38 from London to Colombo, Island Madagascar, several questions passed between us.