

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the

Friday July 22<sup>d</sup> 1864

Commences with moderate breeze from the Westward steering South. Watch engaged lashing up spare spars and fitting the cutting stage. mid-part equally weather at 3 P.M. pleasurable the topsails latter part thick rainy weather saw two ships sailing E. N. E. so ends No obs

Saturday 23<sup>d</sup>

Commences with light baffling winds and thick rainy weather steering South mid-part fresh breeze latter part moderating a heavy swell on, drizzly weather at 11 P.M. the goose neck to the spanker jiff broke off sent it down and put on jore so ends the 24 hours No obs

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light baffling winds heading all around the compass at 3 P.M. a light & steady breeze from the Southward thick weather. row new deck falls to the waist Boat James White off duty sick. mid-part wind very light at 3 A.M. heavy showers of rain. latter part set all sail and started East Lat 35° 14 North Long 65° 16 West

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light baffling winds steering East at 2 P.M. winds steady from S.W. mid-cle and latter part fine weather at 6 P.M. for 12 hours raised spars to the windward going to the windward hauled to hulk soon lost sight of them at 9 A.M. left off E. N. E. and at 11 o'clock Keefe raised a school of small sperm whales several the starboard Boat struck, but they did not hurt the other Boats gave chase for they went to the S. E. No obs

North Atlantic Ocean James Co. M<sup>o</sup> Master

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fine breeze from the S.W. at 2 P.M. took the whale a long side Starboard & waist Boat chased the school off until 4 P.M. without success some on board and cut the whale in finished at 8 P.M. and took in light sails and set the watches for the night shift heading S. E. mid-part watch engaged clearing up decks & cutting lumber latter part fine weather at 5 A.M. started the works and steering N. by E. started one cask of fresh water. saw a sail standing to the West so ends Lat 35° 54 North Long 65 or West

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fine weather & moderate breeze from the S.W. steering E. by S all hands engaged in boiling. mid-part 2 A.M. cooled down and put the tubs on latter part brisk breeze steering E. by S 1/2 S at 8 P.M. set the main top gallant sail watch engaged in various duties. James White on duty again. these 24 hours ends with fine weather Lat 36° 02 North Long 65 08 West

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

Commences with brisk breeze from the S.W. steering E. by S 1/2 S row new running gear to the spanker and ralling down main top gallant rigging & C. at midnoon shortened sail mid-cle & latter part fine weather watch engaged taking off tubs oil off and breaking out for Boat must do Lat 36° 00 North Long 59° 04 West