

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the

Monday August 22^d 1864

Commenced with fresh gales from the S.E. heading E.N.E. Thick drizzly weather at 4 P.M. moderating. Mid-part light breeze with a heavy sea on latter part set double reefed foresails and courses & 6th & 8th spanker at 8 P.M. began on again at 11 took in 6th spanker & main sail and at 12 M. furled foresail & foretop sail and closed reefed the main top sail and hove to under closed reefed main top sail, main pence & fore stay sail. Pumps attended to, saw out at intervals.

Lat 44° 32 North
Long 38° 59 West

Tuesday 23^d

Commenced with strong gales from the S.E. hove to heading E.N.E. cloudy weather with heavy sea running. Mid-part blowing very heavy took the craft out the waist Boat and secured things on deck about decks at 11 M. a sea struck the foremast on the starboard waist about the fore rigging broke over the ship and filled the waist Boat and carried her away and the foremast davit and crane, and broke the main mast and four stanchions and a dove in the ganway board, latter part at daylight goose winged the main top sail and boarded over the ganway. So ends with a tremendous sea running and thick weather Pumps attended to.

No obs

Wednesday 24th

Commenced with heavy gales from the Easterly heading N.N.E. turned up the quarter Boat and made tarpaulins for the bitches and put them on at 4 P.M. more moderate wore ship heading S.E. mid-part moderating fast. latter part set closed reefed top sails blowing moderate gales. Carpenter engaged fitting a temporary ganway board & cloudy weather saw out at intervals.

Lat 44° 48 North Long 39° 38 West

North Atlantic Ocean James Cattle Master

Thursday 25th

Commenced with moderate gales from the Easterly heading S.E. water engaged turning down Boat and getting plank out to make a new davit for the waist Boat put prevented back rope on all the rest at 4 P.M. set the foremast latter part light breezes set all sail all hands engaged breaking out for water at 11 Carpenter fitting a crane for the waist Boat. So ends with thick foggy weather.

Lat 44° 00 North
Long 39° 48 West

Friday 26th

Commenced with light breezes and foggy weather from the Easterly steering South all hands engaged breaking out for Beef & Pork & Bread at 4 P.M. took a over head Boat and put on the waist cranes at 11 am down shortened sail latter part still continues foggy weather set a sail carpenter engaged making a davit water engaged drawing & mending yarns. saw several vessels standing to the S.E. so ends.

Lat 42° 34 North
Long 39° 27 West

Saturday 27th

Commenced with light breezes from the Easterly steering South water engaged in various duties at 4 P.M. put the waist Boat davit on and lashed it up. saw a ship back at 11 am down took in sail mid part at 12 M. come to with the main yard aback heading N.E. wind from the N.W. latter part brisk breezes made sail and steered S.E. saw a Brig landing to the Westward water engaged making pennant & C.

Lat 42° 06 North
Long 39° 40 West