

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the North

Tuesday Sept 27th 1864

Commenced with light breezes from the Southward steering to the Westward water engaged breaking out for Reef & Hark. at 4 P.M. saw two ship whales at some down shortened sail and luffed to heading N. S. W. mid-part breezen on latter part strong breezes under double reefed topsails at 7 A.M. kept off steering different courses to the Northward & Westward at 11 A.M. luffed to heading S. E. two whales in sight

Lat 41° 01' North
Long 89° 44' West

Wednesday 28th

Commenced with strong breezes from the Southward heading S. E. at 2 P.M. the Congress spoke as one whale since we last saw her at 3 P.M. luffed the fore-top sail wore ship heading N. S. W. mid-part blowing gentle fresh at 12 M. closed reefed the main top sail latter part variable winds and squally weather at 10 A.M. cleared away and ahead moderate breezes from the S. made sail and steered East water engaged making sperm oil saw two whales standing to the Westward

Lat 40° 53' North
Long 89° 47' West

Thursday 29th

Commenced with moderate breezes from the Northward steering East at 11 P.M. luffed to heading S. E. lowered for Blackfish for throat success. Water engaged putting two more cloths on the main top gallant & top sail & at midnight took in sail mid-part wind hauled to the Westward latter part set all sail kept off East saw two backs water engaged steering the ship at 9 A.M. steering S. E. at 12 M. luffed to heading S. W. by 10 P.M. fine weather

Lat 40° 53' North
Long 89° 21' West

Atlantic Ocean James Cottle & Masters

Bridget 30th

Commenced with fine breezes from the Westward heading S. W. by S. finished and bent the spanker. Threw sail, brought at some down shortened sail mid-part wind veered to the S. E. heading N. S. W. latter part made sail at 8 A.M. tacked heading E. by S. water engaged making new foot rope for the fore & fore-top sails. at 11 A.M. spoke the ship Young Pioneer Capt. E. C. of New Bedford 4 months out 450 sperm at 12 M. went around and steered S. W.

Lat 40° 16' North
Long 89° 05' West

Saturday Oct 1st

Commenced with fine breezes from the S. E. steering S. W. water engaged fitting foot rope & C. at some down took in sail and luffed to heading N. During the mid-part wind hauled to the S. E. at 9 P.M. kept off N. S. W. latter part set all sail lower weather at 9 A.M. steered West at 11 N. S. W. water engaged making sperm oil & C.

Lat 40° 21' North
Long 89° 27' West

Sunday 2^d

Commenced with fine breezes from the S. E. steering N. S. W. at 2 P.M. steering North at some down took in sail latter part fine clear weather set all sail wind veered to the Northward heading E. N. E. so ends

Lat 40° 33' North
Long 90° 54' West