

Journal of the Bark John Dawson Leaving at

Thursday November 17th 1864

Commenced with fine weather & light breezes from the Northward, carpenters at work all hands engaged painting ship sent studying sail boom aloft and took some potatoes on board.

Friday 18th

Commenced with rainy drizzly weather and strong breezes from the S.W. P. cleared away got a boat from shore and put her on the waist crans at 4 P.M. commenced painting inside and mizzen mast.

Saturday 19th

Commenced with fine weather carpenters at work Captain and several other gentlemen came on board and held a survey and pronounced her sea worthy.

Sunday 20th

Commenced with fine weather carpenters finished and took their tools ashore, and thank God.

Monday 21st

Commenced with light breezes from the Southward sent up ~~red~~ royal and top gallant yards and bent the sails, at 9 A.M. the harbour master came off with his gun to clear the anchors. P.M. at 8 o'clock got them clear and shackled our small ~~chain~~ on the shore one and stuck out on it 120 fathom then dropped our Port anchor again, made fast, so to be stern of the *Portinae*, Captain shipped a man and sent him on board, and Frank Carmello to

Pagal James Collier Master

Tuesday 22^d

Commenced with fresh breezes from the N.W. P. and began on engaged getting ready for sea. Captain shipped two more men and sent them on board at 12 M ends civil time.

Wednesday 23^d

Commenced with strong breezes from the N.W. P. at 3 P.M. got under weigh and steered out the Northern passage Captain ashore at 4.30 P.M. luffed to heading N.W. by N. under two closed reefed topsail main and foremast sail blowing quite heavy later thick weather at 5 P.M. Point of Lokengo bearing West by compass distant about 5 miles, and Point de Rosales of St. George bearing E by S distant about 15 miles mid-part at 12 M wind hauled the Northward and moderated a little more ship heading West at 4 P.M. wore back again heading E by S latter part strong breezes at daylight kept off to the Southward steering for the Town, the *Yves* neck to the span her gaff took vent at down and put some fore on it, at 9 P.M. luffed to off abreast the town, at 12 M Captain Collier came on board and kept off to the Southward.

Thursday 24th

Commenced with strong breezes from the N. steering N.W. & set all sail at 2 P.M. wind died out and at 4 P.M. came on fresh from the Eastward heading South water engaged steering the anchors and cables at dark Pico bearing S.E. middle & latter fine breezes and pleasant weather water engaged picking over potatoes &c.

Lat 36° 33' North
Long 27° 04' West