

Journal of the Bark John Dawson Bond

Saturday December 3^d 1864

Commenced with fresh trades breeze steering S by W sent the studding sail boom and set the studding sails. Middle & latter part still continues fresh breeze and fair weather water engaged rattling down starboard fore rigging and taring the lay hards & C saw Jim backs

Lat 19° 50' North

Long 20° 21' West

Sunday 4th

Commenced with fine trades breeze steering S by W water engaged rattling down fore rigging & C latter part light breeze & fine weather saw Scamperus

Lat 17° 10' North

Long 19° 47' West

Monday 5th

Commenced with light trades breeze steering S by W & W middle & latter part steering S by W water engaged setting up headstays and rattling down mizzen rigging and taring the eyes of the rigging saw a merchant ship steering S by W several parts fine weather

Lat 16° 53' North

Long 20° 00' West

Tuesday 6th

Commenced with light trades breeze steering S by W & S water engaged backing out for water & C latter part fine weather and fine breeze water engaged painting ship inside & C

Lat 12° 10' North

Long 20° 40' West

South James Cottrell Master

Wednesday 7th

Commenced with fine trades breeze steering S by W & S water engaged painting ship inside and rattling down mizzen rigging & C mid part at 3 AM had squalls from the Eastward carried away topmast & studding sail & saw latter part fair weather water engaged & taring rigging rattling on the main rigging mizen lower & C & D & E & F & G & H & I & J & K & L & M & N & O & P & Q & R & S & T & U & V & W & X & Y & Z saw a ship steering the same as we are

Lat 9° 52' North

Long 21° 36' West

Thursday 8th

Commenced with moderate breeze from the Eastward steering S by W & S attended with rain squalls middle & latter part light breeze and thick rain, saw a merchant ship steering S by W

Long 22° 20' West

Friday 9th

Commenced with light breeze from the Eastward and thick rain weather steering S by W & S at 2 PM cleared away with a fine breeze from the S by E middle & latter part fine weather saw a ship steering to the S by W water engaged & taring rigging rattling on the main topmast rigging & C topmast & studding sail boom attended to

Lat 5° 16' North

Long 22° 24' West

Saturday 10th

Commenced with fine breeze from the S by E steering S by W & S carpendia engaged mending topmast & studding sail boom and allowed it away at 4 PM changed signals with a French merchant ship steering S by W latter part from the S by E heading S by W. Looked for Blackfish without success water engaged & taring rigging rattling on the fore topmast rigging & C

Lat 3° 38' North

Long 23° 27' West