

Journal of the Bark John Dawson Bound

Sunday December 11th 1864

Commenced with light breeze from the Southward heading S by W. Water engaged clearing out Long pots & C caught two Porpoises mid-part light breeze from the S.E. and rainy weather steering S.W. latter part cleared off fine weather with a light breeze from the S.W. heading S.W. pumps attended to

Lat 2° 35' North
Long 24° 17' West

Monday 12

Commenced with light S.E. trade breeze heading S.W. saw a ship steering to the Northward, mid-cold & latter part fine breeze & fair weather water engaged making sunnet & strapping, takes Blocks &

Lat 00° 20' North
Long 23° 53' West

Tuesday 13th

Commenced with fine trade breeze heading S.W. set down top gallant & tudding sail boom and unbent the sail. Water engaged making sunnet & C saw a Bark steering to the Northward, mid-cold & latter weather still continues fine water engaged drawing & mowing, gams caught a Porpoise

Lat 2° 04' South
Long 27° 29' West

Wednesday 14th

Commenced with fine trade breeze steering S.W. by S. Water engaged drawing & mowing, gams & C saw a Bark steering S.W. mid-cold & latter part continues fine weather water engaged making a mizzen luff mast & stay sail out of a old flying jib. Pumps attended to

Lat 4° 35' South
Long 29° 27' West

South James Cotton Master

Thursday 15th

Commenced with fine trade breeze heading S.W. finished and bent the mizzen top mast & stay sail, middle & latter part ship heading S.W. by S. fine clear weather water engaged picking & running & C pumps attended to

Lat 7° 30' South
Long 30° 54' West

Friday 16th

Commenced with fine trade breeze heading S.W. by S. mid-part wind hauled aft a little steering S.W. latter part fine weather water engaged making springarn & C

Lat 10° 30' South
Long 31° 30' West

Saturday 17th

Commenced with fine trade breeze steering S.W. saw a ship steering S.W. water engaged making springarn & C mid-cold & latter part still continues fine weather. At 4 P.M. steering S.W. & at 10 P.M. exchanged signals with a English ship water engaged picking up springarn & C pumps attended to

Lat 13° 00' South
Long 31° 32' West

Sunday 18th

Commenced with light trade breeze steering S. water engaged mashing ship, inside middle & latter part steering S.W. weather still continues fine with light breeze.

Lat 16° 35' South
Long 32° 16' West