

Journal of the Bark John Dawson Bound

Sunday December 19th 1864

Commenced with fine weather and light trade breeze steering S. S. W. saw a hump back going quick middle & latter part weather still continues fair and fine breeze, water engaged drawing & mending yarns & C

Lat 18° 18' South
Long 88° 39' West

Tuesday 20th

Commenced with light trade breeze steering S. S. W. water engaged in various duties middle & latter part fair weather water engaged making spun yarn & C pumps attended to

Lat 21° 00' South
Long 84° 32' West

Wednesday 21st

Commenced with light trade breeze steering S. S. W. saw a Brig steering to the Northward water engaged making spun yarn & C middle & latter part weather still continues fine. Woke out for water.

Lat 23° 46' South
Long 84° 57' West

Thursday 22^d

Commenced with light trade breeze steering S. S. W. water engaged making bennet middle & latter part steering S. W. light air water engaged in various duties

Lat 25° 18' South
Long 86° 37' West

Friday 23^d

Commenced with light air from the N. E. steering S. W. water engaged making bennet & C latter part light breeze and fine weather

Lat 26° 12' South
Long 87° 00' West

South James Catte Jr Master

Saturday 24th

Commenced with light breeze from the S. E. steering S. W. at 6 P. M. sleeping S. S. W. water employed making bennet & C. latter part fine breeze at 10 A. M. Carpenter raised a school of sperm whales covered at Bark in sight. Whaling also, so ends chasing & sales to the S. S. W.

Lat 27° 25' South
Long 88° 39' West

Sunday 25th

Commenced with fine breeze from the S. E. and thick weather steering S. W. to the S. S. W. that Bark which is the Sunk beam struck a whale and got a Boat stove and lost it. at 4 P. M. starboard Boat struck and at 6 P. M. took the whale along side and made it well fast and set the watches, middle part thick rainy weather water engaged getting cutting gear ready & C ship heading S. W. latter part blowing strong and thick rainy weather very rugged at 10 A. M. mended a little commenced cutting, & end pumps attended to

no log

Monday 26th

Commenced with strong breeze and thick rainy weather and very rugged from the S. E. all hands engaged cutting ship heads, S. P. W. at 7 P. M. got the Body, m. and made the head well fast, and knocked off, and set patches, which part water engaged cutting up planks & clearing away the fore & C. at 8 P. M. hooked on the head and at 11 A. M. got 7 m. thick rainy, blowing weather very rugged at 12 M. cleared away fore weather

Lat 28° 25' South
Long 88° 37' West