

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the

Tuesday Dec 27th 1864

Commenced with fine breeze & fair weather from the Northward heading to the Westward at 10 P.M. started the works all hands engaged clearing away the case & cutting up junk, ship under double reefed topsails mid part wind hauled to the Westward heading S.W. latter part fine weather and light breeze all hands engaged in Belling & pumps attended to

Lat 29° 00 South
Long 39° 12 West

Wednesday 28th

Commenced with light breeze from the Westward heading S.W. fine weather all hands engaged in Belling started a sail and cordage case, latter part calm at 6 A.M. calmed down and put the fathoms on all hands engaged clearing up decks & saw Grampasses

Lat 29° 14 South
Long 39° 35 West

Thursday 29th

Commenced with calms at 2 P.M. a light breeze sprang up from the S.E. steering S.W. by W. water engaged breaking out for shoals & C. at sundown shortened sail took the fathoms off mid part reefing weather wind veered to the S.E. heading W by S. latter a strong breeze heading W by N at 12 M. wind from the S.W. wore ship heading S.E. by E. under double reefed topsails saw Grampasses pumps attended to

Lat 29° 38 South
Long 40° 44 West

South Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Friday 30th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the S.W. heading S.E. water engaged running down oil under the blubber room, hauled down 44 barrels at sundown shortened sail, foggy weather latter part fine weather wind hauled to the W.S.W. heading S.W. set all sail run down 29 bbls of oil under the blubber room Cooper setting up shoals, saw Grampasses

Lat 30° 46 South
Long 40° 42 West

Saturday 31st

Commenced with light breeze from the W.S.W. & fine clear weather water engaged starting off the blubber room & C. Cooper setting up shoals, at sundown took in sail mid part wind hauled to the S.W. heading S by E latter part dead calm, saw Grampasses water engaged in various duties

Lat 31° 41 North
Long 41° 01 West

Sunday January 1st 1864

Commenced with calms water engaged washing ship inside & C. at 4 P.M. a light breeze sprang from the Eastward steering N by S at sundown shortened sail latter part foggy weather and fine breeze made sail saw Grampasses & pumps attended to

Lat 32° 00 South
Long 43° 00 West