

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the North
Saturday Jan 14th 1884

Commenced with squally weather from the N.E. & double reefed the topsails and fore ship at 6 P.M. saw the Gannet whaling at 8 P.M. spoke her found that they saw a large sperm whale going slow to the E. N.E. chased him until dark and had to give him up. As we can only catch him tomorrow took in all sail but two closed reefed topsails heading E. N.E. mid-part wind all around the compass. latter part light breeze from the S.E. & steering S.E. The Gannet & Cornelia in sight saw grampasses

Lat 33° 17' South
Long 57° 16' West

Saturday 15th

Commenced with light breeze from the S.E. & steering E by N. at 4 P.M. wind hauling to the Eastward heading N.E. water engaged making pennant & at sundown took in sail. mid-part at 12 m a breeze sprang up from the Southward steering S.E. latter part brisk breeze under double reefed topsails saw Grampasses. Pumps attended to

Lat 34° 30' South
Long 58° 00' West

Sunday 16th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the Southward steering to the Northward & Eastward at sundown shortened sail and luffed by the wind heading E. N.E. latter part strong breeze at 7 A.M. kept off S.E. & squally weather at 12 m luffed by the wind heading S.E.

Lat 33° 37' South
Long 48° 40' West

Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Tuesday 17th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the Southward heading S.E. under double reefed topsails at sundown took in all sail but a double reefed main topsail main pennant fore top mast & topsail mid-part doing out calm latter part calm sent down main topsail and made it several merchant ships in sight, sea and fine weather pumps attended to

Lat 33° 37' South
Long 48° 02' West

Wednesday 18th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the Northward steering E. N.E. at 2 P.M. spoke a Bremen Bark, 70 days from Newcastle Eng. bound to Callio, water engaged making pennant & at sundown shortened sail and came to with the main topsail aback heading N.E. by E. latter part fresh breeze made sail at 8 P.M. luffed heading W. S. W. saw a Bark to the windward cutting plenty of grampasses in sight, a m. k. weather

Lat 33° 21' South
Long 47° 17' West

Thursday 19th

Commenced with fine breeze from the N.W. at 1 P.M. luffed heading N.W. by E. at 4 P.M. spoke the Bark Calfax Capt. Howland of New Bedford got two small whales yesterday, said 28 months out, 1300 sperm whales at 6 P.M. wind came out from the Southward heading S.W. took in sail. latter fine weather wind from the Eastward set all sail and steered to the Northward water engaged making pennant

Lat 33° 00' South
Long 47° 55' West