

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the South

Wednesday February 1st 1865

Commenced with strong breeze from the S.E. steering S.E. at 6 P.M. wore ship and luffed by the wind heading S.W. saw a vessel standing to the Eastward mid-part at 12 M wore ship heading S.E. latter part fresh breeze made sail at 4 P.M. ship and steered S.W. the ground looks dead enough so ends with fair weather

Lat 32° 00' South
Long 44° 32' West

Thursday 2^d

Commenced with fine breeze from the S.E. steering S.W. water engaged in various duties at sundown shortened sail mid-part weather fine set all sail and from the Eastward. Pumps attended to

Lat 33° 25' South
Long 46° 47' West

Friday 3^d

Commenced with fine breeze from the Eastward steering S.W. water all looking sharp for whales. at sundown took in sail. At mid-part at 12 M wore ship to the main topsail a back heading S.E. latter part made sail and kept off S.W. Brake out for water and a new topsail

Lat 34° 45' South
Long 48° 20' West

Saturday 4th

Commenced with light breeze from the E steering West bent a new main topsail and put the old one up forward for a fore topsail at sundown took in sail and came to with the main topsail a back heading S.E. latter part made sail and kept off West

Lat 34° 45' South
Long 50° 00' West

Atlantic Ocean James Cotto Jr Master

Sunday 5th

Commenced with fine breeze and fair weather from the Eastward steering West at 2 P.M. started S.W. water engaged washing ship inside at 6 P.M. exchanged signals with a English Bark steering S.W. at sundown shortened sail and came to on the starboard tack heading S.E. latter part fresh breeze made sail and kept off S.W. at 10 P.M. started West. Sank Bark standing to the Northward

Lat 34° 45' South
Long 51° 30' West

Monday 6th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the Eastward steering S.W. at 2 P.M. spoke the Bark Cornelia and had got a poor barrel whale since we last saw her. luffed by the wind heading S.W. at sundown shortened sail mid-part at 12 M wore ship heading S.E. latter part made sail and at 4 P.M. wore ship heading S.E. saw killers patch engaged ripping up the old fore topsail &c smoky weather saw several merchant vessels steering S.W. Pumps attended to

Lat 34° 46' South
Long 51° 42' West

Tuesday 7th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the Eastward heading S.E. by S. Broke out for Bread at sundown shortened sail mid-part at 12 M wore ship heading S.E. latter part fine breeze and clear weather set all sail saw several merchant vessels steering S.W. water engaged picking oakum &c

Lat 35° 14' South
Long 51° 54' West