

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the South

Wednesday Feb 8th 1865

Commenced with fine breeze from the Eastward heading S. S. E. saw the Cornelia standing to the N. N. E. at 2 P. M. kept off W. S. W. saw pieces of squid and grampases breaking at sundown shortened sail and came to on the starboard tack heading S. S. E. latter part light breeze made sail and steered West. saw two seals steering S. W. and also a school of killers looked for them but without success. Comps attended to

Lat 35° 14' South
Long 52° 51' West.

Thursday 9th

Commenced with light breeze from the Eastward steering West at 2 P. M. steering S. W. spoke a French Brig 7 days from Montevideo bound to Havre at sundown shortened sail and steered S. S. W. mid - part died away calm. latter part dead calm quantities of fimbriates in sight.

Lat 35° 40' South
Long 53° 32' West

Friday 10th

Commenced with calms. lowered and shot a fimbria but did not get him. Caught a Porpoise at sundown double reefed the topsails mid - part a light breeze sprang up from N. W. steering E. S. E. latter part fresh breeze set all sail at 10. took in light sails saw several porpoises proved to be Grampases saw a Bark steering S. W.

Lat 35° 53' South
Long 51° 54' West

Atlantic Ocean James Cottage Master

Saturday 11th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the Northward & Westward steering S. E. double reefed the topsails at sundown shortened sail. latter part weather still continues fine with light breeze from the Southward several merchant in sight saw Grampases Comps attended to.

Lat 34° 50' South
Long 50° 00' West

Sunday 12th

Commenced with light breeze from the Southward steering E. S. E. weather engaged washing ship inside at sundown shortened sail and came to on the starboard with the main topsail aback heading E. S. E. latter part made sail and steered South at 10 P. M. luffed by the wind heading S. W. the Callao in sight. saw Grampases.

Lat 34° 34' South
Long 49° 23' West

Monday 13th

Commenced with light breezes from the S. E. heading S. S. W. at 3 P. M. spoke the Callao seen nothing since we last saw her at sundown took in sail. latter part weather still continues fine set all sail at 7. kept off West the Cornelia in sight steering to the Northward saw Grampases.

Lat 34° 32' South
Long 49° 33' West