

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the South

Monday, February 20th 1865

Commenced with fine breeze from the N.E. steering S.E. saw Grampus at sundown shortened sail and luffed to heading E.N.E. latter part fresh breeze well hands engaged stowing oil at 10 P.M. saw the A.R. Snicker whaling vessel supposed to be whaling and the foreman of the whaler, we stood for them some

Lat 33°37'

Long 49°32'

Tuesday 21st

Commenced with brisk breeze from the E.S.E. heading S.S.W. finished stowing down at 2 P.M. saw the A.R. Snicker come to north the head yards a back supposed she took a whale along side at 3 P.M. wore ship heading S.E. by E. at sundown shortened sail and wore ship heading South. I don't begrudge them their whale but I do wish we could get one. latter part fresh breeze made sail and steered to the westward. Watch engaged breaking out for meat &c at 12 M. steered N.W. hazy weather

Lat 33°35' South

Long 50°45' West

Wednesday 22^d

Commenced with fresh breeze from the Eastward steering N.W. under double reefed topsails at 2 P.M. heading by the wind N.N.E. at sundown shortened sail and wore ship heading S.S.E. latter part made sail & wore ship heading S.S.E. at 10 A.M. saw a Bark under short sail.

Lat 33°30' South

Long 50°47'

Atlantic Ocean James Coltho Jr Master

Thursday 23^d

Commenced with brisk breeze from the Eastward heading S.S.E. saw the A.R. Snicker boiling and at 4 P.M. she set a signal started for her. and found she had a big head along side and wanted us to take it for half of it for her windlass had given out, and so we took it along side and made it well fast and got cutting gear ready and set the bottles for the night at daylight called all hands and looked on the head at 12 had it all in and started the works fine weather

No oil

Friday 24th

Commenced with light breeze from the S.E. heading E.S.E. all hands engaged clearing away the case and cutting up pink &c it is very much blasted latter part fine weather made sail at 6 P.M. coaled down the A.R. Snicker in sight boiling put the waist Boat on the cranes again and took the other one in.

Lat 34°30' South

Long 50°33' West

Saturday 25th

Commenced with light breeze from the S.E. heading E.S.E. at 4 P.M. spoke the A.R. Snicker and divided our oil, at sundown shortened sail latter part fine clear weather set all sail heading E.S.E. heated engaged Re & stowing down oil &c. Two whales in sight

Lat 35°00' South

Long 49°33' West