

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the South

Friday March 17th 1865

Commenced with a strong gale from the Westward heading S.W. at 2 P.M. blowing heavy gale winged the main topsail down, and a gale of wind main topsail, main runners and fore topsail & staysail the Swashonke in sight, mid-part moderating latter part fine weather at 8 P.M. wore a ship spoke the Swashonke heading S.E.

Lat 33° 09' South
Long 48° 09' West

Saturday 18th

Commenced with light breeze from the Southward heading S.E. gaining with the Swashonke at sun down shortened sail. at 11 P.M. wore ship heading West latter part light breeze and hauling to the S.E. at all sail saw a merchant ship standing to the Westward. Broke out for water, put a new back rope to the spanker, and rove new wheel rope.

Lat 33° 06' South
Long 48° 38' West

Sunday 19th

Commenced with light breezes from the S.E. steering S.W. water engaged washing ship inside the Swashonke in sight at sun down shortened sail and came to with the main topsail a back heading South latter part weather still continues fine set all sail and kept off S.W. so ends

Lat 33° 35' South
Long 49° 10' West

Atlantic Ocean James Catlett & Martin

Monday 20th

Commenced with fine breeze from the S.E. steering West at 7 P.M. spoke the Sactia & A.P. Incher have not seen anything since we last saw them at sun down shortened sail and kept off heading C.E. mid part breeze on latter part blowing strong and in the morning thick rainy weather took in all sail but a closed reefed main topsail main runners & fore topsail & staysail at 10 P.M. cleared away the Sactia in sight Ensigns attended to

Lat 34° 11' South
Long 49° 09' West

Tuesday 21st

Commenced with moderate gale from the S.E. heading S.E. moderating and at 4 P.M. moderated all down set double reefed topsails and wore ship heading S.E. and hauling to the Southward at latter part fresh breeze from the S.E. heading East made sail and kept off S.W. at 11 P.M. hauled up C.E. water engaged cleaning iron work & so ends foggy weather

Lat 33° 45' South
Long 49° 31' West

Wednesday 22^d

Commenced with fresh breeze from the S.E. heading East at 2 P.M. kept off South at sun down shortened sail and spoke the Swashonke and James Arnold gaining the James Arnold has 600 sp. & 1000 lb. ship heading East latter part fresh breeze made sail at 6 P.M. wore ship heading S.W. water engaged cleaning & painting iron work at 12 M. tacked ship heading East

Lat 33° 25' South
Long 50° 06' West