

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the South

Thursday March 23^d 1865

Commenced with brisk breeze from the S.W., heading East the Swash on the right when shall we get a whale we are poor as church pounds at sundown shortened sail, the ground looks dreadful dead, latter part light breeze set all sail heading S.W. at 7 AM tacked heading South. Water engaged painting iron work &c

Lat 33° 00 South
Long 49° 33 West

Friday 24th

Commenced with light breezes from the S.W., heading South at 1 PM tacked ship heading S.W. the Swash on the right saw Grampassas, at sundown shortened sail. Middle part wind hauling to the S.W. wore ship heading S.W. by E. latter part light breeze set all sail lots of Grampassas in sight the ground looks very lively, wind hauling to the Southward steering East water engaged blocking iron work aloft and scraping spars &c

Lat 33° 30 South
Long 49° 44 West

Saturday 25th

Commenced with light breezes from the Southward steering East saw lots of Grampassas it very fine weather and why can't we get a whale at sundown shortened sail heading E by N. mid-part at 12 m came to with the main topsail aback. latter part fine breezes made sail and steered East fine clear weather water engaged in various duties, at 1 PM wore ship & steered S.W.

Lat 33° 36 South
Long 48° 36 West

Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Sunday 26th

Commenced with fine breezes from the Southward steering S.W. at 5 PM set in thick rain weather wind veered around S.W. put ship under short sail, middle & latter part cloudy equally weather at 7 AM left of N.W. by W saw a Bark steering S.W. so end with strong breezes under short sail at 12 m steered S.W. Pump attended to

No obs

Monday 27th

Commenced with strong breezes from the S.W. and equally weather steering S.W. at 2 PM steering E by N. at sundown took in all keel but a closed reefed main topsail, main foresail & foremast staysail and come to on the Port tack heading West took the Boats up and secured things, latter part fine breezes from the Southward and fine weather made sail and wore ship and steered E by N. water engaged breaking out for water and fitting new brigger topmast rigging

Lat 33° 05 South
Long 49° 35 West

Tuesday 28th

Commenced with fine breezes from the Southward steering E by N. at sundown shortened sail and come to with the main topsail aback heading S.W. by E. latter part light breezes and hauling to the S.W. water engaged making new foremast backstays and fitting a flying jib stay out of the old jib stay to go to the foremast had saw a Bark steering S.W. and a Lambeck

Lat 32° 49 South