

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the South

Wednesday March 29th 1865

Commenced with light breezes from the E.S.E. heading N.W. cloudy weather at 2 P.M. thick rainy weather and variable winds at sundown short tacked and braced up on the starboard tack heading East latter part better weather and fine breezes made sail heading N.E. by N. coopers engaged setting up shooks water mending maintained.

Lat 31° 45' South
Long 46° 30' West

Thursday 30th

Commenced with fine breezes from the E.S.E. heading N.E. by N. saw a finback at sundown short tacked sail latter part wind veered to the S.E. heading N.W. by W. made sail, floated engaged breaking out shooks coopers setting them up before we could get a whale before sunset.

Lat 30° 21' South
Long 46° 07' West

Friday 31st

Commenced with fresh breezes from the S.E. heading N.W. by W. saw a Bark steering S.W. at sundown doubled reefed the top sails. latter part set all sail heading S.W. by W. at 10 P.M. raised the mountains of South America bearing N.W. water engaged in various duties coopers setting up shooks smoky weather. Lat about 60 miles off.

Lat 28° 38' South
Long 47° 00' West

Atlantic Ocean James Coffey Master

Saturday April 1st

Commenced with fresh breezes from the N.E. heading S.W. by W. at 2 P.M. raised the Island of St. Catherine about 30 miles distant bearing N.W. at 6 P.M. tacked ship and took in light sail heading East, the North end of St. Catherine bore N. distant about 30 miles. mid part at 1 P.M. wore ship heading S.W. at daylight the South end of St. Catherine bearing N.W. by N. stood in shore until 7 A.M. then tacked off heading E.S.E. and during the latter coming up N.E. fresh breezes set light sails coopers finished setting up shooks. fine clear weather

Lat 28° 04' South
Long 47° 03' West

Sunday 2^d

Commenced with fresh breezes from the Northward heading N.E. by E. at 4 P.M. land out of sight saw a Brig steering S.W. mid part at 12 m. tacked heading N.W. by W. latter part heading N.W. by N. at 9 A.M. raised the Island of St. Catherine bearing N.W. by W. distant about 30 miles. at 12 m. the Island of St. Pedro bearing N.W. distant 19 miles.

Lat 27° 37' South
Long 47° 30' West

Monday 3^d

Commenced with brisk breezes from the Northward beating up along the coast of St. Catherine and bett both cables and got the anchors of the bar at 8 P.M. had to give it up for we had a head current as well as wind and took in light sail and stood off shore heading East. bread Island bearing N.W. distant 5 miles latter part set all sail and stood in the passage and at 12 m. in side