

Journal of the Bark John Dawson bound North

Thursday May 4th 1865

Commenced with light breezes from the E.S.E. heading N.E. fitting new reef backropes to the Martingale spoke a Spanish Bark bound to Callao mid-part fine breeze and thick weather latter part variable winds and drizzly weather at 12 my sun broke out. The ship leaks about one hundred strokes in 4 hours.

Lat 22° 27' South

Friday 5th

Commenced with brisk breeze from the S.E. steering N.E. by E and thick rainy squally weather at 4 P.M. took in Montpelier sail & flying jib latter part still continues squally weather at all sail but the royals. Pumps attended to at 12 M sun broke out.

Lat 20° 04' South
Long 34° 26' West

Saturday 6th

Commenced with moderate breeze and squally weather from the S.E. steering S.E. middle & latter part variable winds at daylight lashed ship heading E by N. water engaged putting out new Martingale backropes & light breeze & fine clear weather.

Lat 18° 15' South
Long 34° 49' West

James Catlin Mastie

Sunday 7th

Commenced with light breezes from the N.W. heading E by S. water engaged washing sails middle & latter part light breeze from the Northward heading E.N.E. saw a Dark Steamer S.W. and another heading E.N.E. so end with fine clear weather Pumps attended to.

Lat 17° 56' South
Long 33° 37' West

Monday 8th

Commenced with fine weather & light breezes from the Northward heading E.N.E. mid-part wind hauling to the Westward steering N.W. by E latter part water engaged in various duties. Two Barks in sight steering S.W. by E so ends with fine weather. Pumps attended to.

Lat 16° 44' South
Long 32° 44' West

Tuesday 9th

Commenced with light breezes from S.E. set & studding sail and while setting the lower & topmast studding carried away the boom. Sent another old one. Carpenter engaged making a new fluke chain check for the old one & mutton mid-part fresh breeze. latter part squally weather. took in studding sail and carried away topmast & studding sail boom. obs not very good.

Lat 14° 00' South
Long 33° 02' West