

Journal of the Bark John Dawson bound North

Wednesday May 10th 1865

Commenced with fresh breeze and thick rainy weather from the Southward steering S.E. by S. by S. mid-part steering S.E. by S. latter part light breeze and attended with rain squalls. Measured and sent up topmast studding sail boom and set a tudding sails a Bark & Brig. might steering S.E. No end

Lat 10°20 South
Long 31°32 West

Thursday 11th

Commenced with light breeze & attended with rain squalls from the Southward steering S.E. middle & latter part still continues squally. no obs saw a ship steering S.E. by E. Pumps attended to

Friday 12th

Commenced with light breeze attended with rain squalls from the Southward steering S.E. by E. mid-part wind hauled to the Eastward heading S.S.W. & latter part fine weather water engaged drawing & noting gains

Lat 7°18 South
Long 30°22 West

Saturday 13th

Commenced with light breeze from the Eastward steering S.E. by S. several ships in sight carpenter put the pump. & chain chack in mid-part heading S.S.W. & latter part going her course again. water engaged drawing and noting gains &c

Lat 4°20 South
Long 30°09 West

James Catte f. Master

Sunday 14th

Commenced with fine trades breeze from the Eastward steering S.E. by S. water engaged washing ship in side saw vessel steering to the S.W. middle & latter part fine steady breeze saw a ship steering S.W. Pumps attended to. Ah he he about 200 strokes in 24 hours

Lat 1°30 South
Long 29°52 West

Monday 15th

Commenced with light trades steering S.E. by E. middle & latter part weather still continues fine water engaged taking out the Ballast and clearing out under the cabin saw two vessel steering S.S.W. saw Black fish.

Lat 1°00 North
Long 29°50 West

Tuesday 16th

Commenced with light trades breeze heading S.S.W. a strong current setting to the Westward mid-part heavy rain squalls from the Eastward heading anywhere from S.E. off to S.S.W. latter part at 9 A.M. took the S.E. trades fresh heading S.S.W.

Lat 3°15 North
Long 30°18 West

Wednesday 17th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the S.E. heading S.S.W. water engaged noting gains middle & latter part the same water engaged in various duties Pumps attended to

Lat 3°00 North
Long 32°32 West