

Journal of the Bark John Dawson bound North

Friday May 20th 1865

Commenced with light
trades heading North. Watch engaged in various
duties. Latter part calm water engaged setting
up head stage & C. Fine clear weather.

Lat 28°26' North
Long 40°43' West

Saturday 27th

Commenced with light air from
the Northward steering N.E. Watch engaged cleaning
and blacking iron work & C. Middle part breeze
up. Latter part fine breeze water engaged breaking
out for beef & C. sent down the Jiffy top sail and
altered it. Over cast weather. Pump attended
to.

Lat 29°32' N

Sunday 28th

Commenced with fine breeze from
the Northward steering N.E. at 4 P.M. altered
N.E. by E. Thick drizzly weather. Mid part
cleared off and the wind hauled to the Northward
heading N.E. by E. Latter part fresh breeze
and breezy weather.

Lat 31°36' North
Long 37°45' West

Monday 29th

Commenced with fresh breeze
from the Northward heading N.E. by E. saw
vessel steering S.E. at 4 P.M. took in Foretop-
gallant sail and head part on mid part and
passed to the N.E. heading E by S. Latter part moderating
main royal rigging set to the main only.

Lat 32°34' N
Long 35°08' West

James Cottle Master

Tuesday 30th

Commenced with light breeze from the
S.S.E. watch engaged making sennet & C. passed
a Brig standing to the Eastward ship heads East
middle & latter part a little squally at 5 P.M. carried
away the end of the Flying jibboom. sent in the
gear and cut another shackle and and sent out the
gear again and set it up put the Flying jib to the
Fore top gallant head again middle set it and bent
and set it. so ends. Pumps attended to.

Lat 32°37' North
Long 34°33' West

Wednesday 31st

Commenced with light breeze from
the Northward heading E by S. sent up new main
royal rigging and set it up. Broke out for water also
rope new flying jib down haul. Middle & latter part
light baffling wind wore and tacked ship several
times. Watch engaged making sennet & C.

Lat 33°07' North
Long 33°57' West

Thursday June 1st

Commenced with light
baffling winds heading all around the compass
Mid part calm. Latter part at 4 P.M. a light
breeze sprang up from the N. Water in S.E.
during the latter part and veered to the N.S.W.
fine weather water engaged in various duties,
saw a tom rack.

Lat 33°42' North
Long 33°25' West