

Journal of the Bark John Dawson in the month of the
Thursday June 22^d 1863

Commenced with calm
at 2 P.M. slight breeze sprang up from the Northward
steered S.E. by E. 1/2 E. saw land lowered ~~the~~ for a
Humphs back without success. Bent the cable and
got the anchors off the bow. mid-part at 10 wind
died out calm. latter part at 4 P.M. a breeze sprang
up from the Eastward. heading S.E. at 9 A.M.
tacked and headed N.E. by N. and at 11³⁰ A.M. 4 P.M.
tacked back again heading S.E. exchanged signals
with the English Bark Stateman. lot of vessel in
sight.

Lat 35° 48' N
Long 5° 58' West

Friday 23^d

Commenced with light breeze from
the Eastward and heading to the Northward gradually
heading S.E. at 3 P.M. Capt. Cottle went on board
the Stateman. at 5 P.M. steering East. at 6 P.M.
saw the coast of Morocco bearing S.E. distant about
21 miles heavy smoky weather so we cannot see
land very distinctly. lots of sails in sight mid-part
baffling winds. tacked several times latter part
steady winds from the Eastward beating to the
Windward up to the Straits lots of sail also at
12 M. Gorafalgar lighthouse bore N.E. distant about
6 miles and Cape Spartel lighthouse bore S.E. distant
about 15 miles. we are about the head ship
of the fleet the J.D. leads them all

Straits of Mediterranean James Cottle Master
Saturday 24th

Commenced with fine breeze from
the Eastward beating up to Gibraltar with a Easterly
current. Broke out in water at sundown Gibraltar
bore E.N.E. distant about 14 miles mid-part
shortened sail. and layd up the mainyard a peak
latter part at daylight up breast the Surge of Gibraltar
made sail and stood into the bay with very light
winds at 10 P.M. come to anchor in 18 fathoms with
45 fathoms chain. nearly about the old mole
several ships in port. and a very nice place for
most everything fine weather

Sunday 25th & Monday 26th

Commenced with fine weather and light
Easterly winds. Captain ashore at 12 M. the mail
arrived and at 3 P.M. Captain Cottle came
onboard and got under weigh and stood out the
Bay into the Straits heading S.E. by E. with a strong
current setting to the Eastward at sundown Europa
light bearing N.W. distant about 3 miles off
and Genoa light bearing South distant about 7
miles distant lot of vessels in the Straits mid-
part died away calm. latter part the same. about
the cable & saw Grampian. & for a sperm whale
about 40 vessels in sight and the coast of Spain
about 23 miles distant. Edwin Brown & Philbrick
on duty again

Lat 36° 09' N
Long 4° 12' W

that is Friday and Monday. layd work to get them