

Journal of the Bark John Dawson in the

Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> 1865

Commenced with light breezes from the Northward & Westward beating along shore under short tack but do not gain much as the current seems to be against us at sundown the Town of Marsala bore about N by E distant about 10 miles off. Mid part calm until 2 P.M. then a light breeze from the Westward heading S.W. several vessels in sight. Broke out for Bread & Flour, at 12 m the Island of Maritimo bore N by E distant 14 miles.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with light breezes from the Westward and dying out heading N.W. at 3 P.M. dead calm at sundown the Island of Maritimo bore S.W. E distant 10 miles, a strong S.E. current here, at 7 P.M. a light breeze sprang up from the S.E. steering S.W. by N. set all the sails. latter part steering N.W. sent down main top gallant & top sail to repair.

Lat 38° 19' N

Long 10° 35' E

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with fine breezes from the S.E. steering N.W. by N. finished and bent the main top gallant & top sail mid part breezen on took in light sail latter strong breezes from the Eastward steering N.W. several vessels in sight Broke out for water. &c

Lat 38° 36' N

Long 6° 39' E

Mediterranean Sea James O'Connell Master

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with fine variable breezes steering N.W. at 5 P.M. had a heavy squall from the Northward double reefed the topsails mid part calm. latter part light airs from the Eastward steering N.W. by N. 5 sails in sight water engaged chasing ship &c

Lat 38° 37' N

Long 5° 25' East

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with light airs from the Eastward steering N.W. by N. several vessels in sight steering the same as we are, (when shall we get another whale, for it's just a month since we got our last one, and it seems as though it was a year mid-part light breeze steering N.W. by N. latter part calm

Lat 38° 37' N

Long 4° 49' E

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

Commenced with calms saw Grampus &c. mid-part light breezes from the S.W. steering N.W. by N. at 2 P.M. hauled to the Westward heading S.W. by N. latter part light airs and variable under the S.E. side of the Island of Majorca, at 12 m a light breeze sprang up from the Eastward steering N.W. by N. saw Grampus &c water engaged rattling down, mowing &c several vessels in sight.

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