

Journal of the Bark John Dawson in the North

Sunday Oct 13th 1863

Commenced with brisk breeze from the Northward steering S E 1/2 E engaged mending the main topsail and reefing up the fore sail, at 4 P.M. finished the topsail and sent down the fore, and bent the main topsail for the fore topsail, middle and latter part fine breeze and fair weather. a Bark in sight.

Lat 39° 23' N
Long 32° 25' W

Monday 16th

Commenced with moderate breeze from the N. W. steering S E at 2 P.M. spoke the Bark Tropic Bird Captain Adams 4 months out 160 sperm bound to Brazil, middle & latter part light breeze at daylight saw Flores bearing E by S distant about 20 miles steering S E 1/2 E engaged setting up shooks and scraping spars &c the Tropic Bird in sight

Lat 38° 55' North
Long 30° 35' West

Tuesday 17th

Commenced with light from the N. W. steering S E 1/2 E. engaged setting up shooks &c latter part fine breeze. At daylight raised Brazil bearing S. E. by E. at 11 A.M. got the anchors off the bows and bent the cables coopers flagging cask, &c fine weather so ended sea account at 2 P.M. come to anchor in 18 fathoms, and they put us in quarantine, because we had been at Gibraltar but we can land our oil and get all we want at 5 P.M. a anchor came from shore took it in the starboard ~~hove~~ on the starboard bow

Atlantic Ocean James Cobble Master

Wednesday 18th

Commenced with light breeze and fair weather. all hands engaged breaking out oil. P.M. all hands engaged coopers oil

Thursday 19th

Commenced with lowering weather all hands engaged coopers oil. and sent on shore about 120 barrels. P.M. engaged hoisting out oil and coopers it found several of the ground tier cask with rotten heads, Rebeco laying off & on

Friday 20th

Commenced with fine weather all hands engaged in coopers oil sent on shore about 80 barrels, and the rest is all ready waiting for the lighter. P.M. engaged stowing off the oil, the hale sent ashore a raft of cask for water.

Saturday 21st

Commenced with fair weather all hands engaged stowing the ground tier and starting Bread and putting it in smaller cask so we can have the Bread cask to put in the ground tier. a raft of water came off took it in and run it. the last of the oil went on shore to day 262 barrels in all, and some fine shooks came from shore that was left here for the Bark, Colon. Broke out our meat and found that we are 23 lbs short, then what is down on the cargo provisions book.