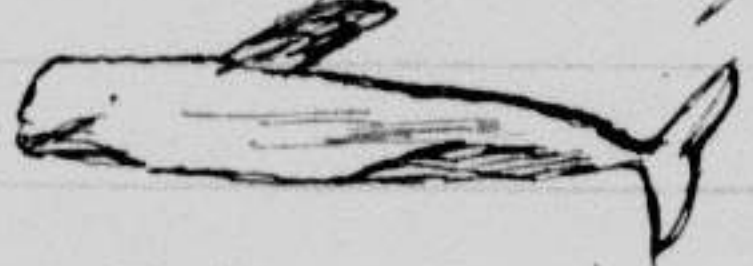


Journal of the John Dawson bound South
Sunday Oct 5th 1863.

Commenced with light trades steering S.W. by W. finished and bent the main top sail and put the run one in a cask. sent in and meandered the flying jib and bent it again middle to latter part wind light. saw and lowered and starboard boat got a Black fish. steering N.E. by E.



Lat 15° 28' North
Long 22° 03' West

Monday 6th

Commenced with light trades steering N.E. by E. at 6 P.M. spoke the Bark Matapoisett of Westport Capt. Griff 12 months ago. steering N.W. by N. middle to latter part light baffling breeze from the Northward & Westward heading N.E. by E. watch engaged cutting up Black fish blubber &c.

Lat 14° 58' North
Long 28° 00' West

Tuesday 7th

Commenced with light breezes from the S.W. heading N.W. by N. engaged hauling out Black fish blubber &c. middle part light airs steering S.W. by S. latter part light airs from the Southward at daylight saw the Island of St. Jago Port. Praya bearing N. distant 15 miles steered North at 10 A.M. Captain Cottle took a boat and went in. The John Dawson

James Cottle Master

Wednesday 8th

Commenced with light airs from the Southward steering North at 2 P.M. Capt. Cottle came on board they would not let him land unless we would anchor and lay three days in quarantine. then they would give us a clean bill of health. so we bent the cables and got the anchors off. The Bowes and came in and anchored in 4 1/2 fathoms. The Bark Ceprey is lying here. 118 barrels of sperm. latter part all hands engaged painting ship out side &c.

Thursday 9th

Commenced with fine weather and light breezes from the Southward the Ceprey went out. all hands engaged painting ship and mending fore top gallant sail. bent the fore royal latter part all hands engaged mending the main sail &c.

Friday 10th

Commenced with light breezes from the Southward at 5 P.M. finished the mainsail and bent it. and painted starboard & waist boat &c. latter part over hauling base blocks and washing ship inside.