

Journal of the Bark John Dawson at
Saturday November 11th 1865

Commences with light breeze from the Eastward. Latter at 4 P.M. they let us out of quarantine. Latter part starboard watch on liberty fine weather

Sunday 12th Commences fine weather. Starboard watch engaged getting off recruits and sent on shore ~~two~~ small cask of Bread and two cask of Flour and six barrels of Shuck. Latter part Port watch on liberty. at 10 A.M. the mail steamer came to anchor here. Manuel and Antonio and Francis deserted at sundown fresh trades.

Monday 13th Commences with fine trades. Latter part all hands getting ready for sea. H.C. ~~sailed~~ shipped two Americans and sent them on board, and on port engine. There ^{was} ~~was~~ Charles Smith, Abraham Efford & Frank Brunda.

Tuesday 14th Commences with moderate trades at 5 P.M. Captain Cuttle come onboard and got under weigh and set all sail steering S 1/2 W. stowed the anchors and unbent the cables. Latter part weather continues fine. Watch engaged making sperm yarn &c.

Lat 12° 26' North
Long 22° 55' West

At Jago James Cuttle Master
Wednesday 15th

Commences with fine trades steering S 1/2 W. saw two Barks standing to the Westward Middle & latter part the same watch engaged over hauling stage tackle and the windless &c. saw a vessel steering S.P.W. a man made his appearance that came onboard at Jago

Lat 10° 35' North
Long 22° 34' West

Thursday 16th Commences with light trades steering S 1/2 W. sent down main topmast stay sail and meandred it Middle & latter part very light engaged meandering the fib and setting up fib stay and guzes &c.

Lat 9° 45' N
Long 22° 59' W

Friday 17th Commences with light trades steering S 1/2 W. looked for Blackfish. Waist Boat struck and drew. Latter part had a few rain squalls from the Eastward a Bark in sight steering S.

Lat 7° 45' North
Long 21° 53' West

Saturday 18th Commences with light variable breezes & heading S.P.W. several vessel in sight. Watch engaged making brooms &c. Middle & latter light breezes from the S.E. heading S.P.W. several sails in sight. Watch engaged breaking out for water &c.

Lat 6° 25' North