

Journal of the Bark John Dawson bound

Sunday Nov-26th 1863

Commences with fine trades breeze heading S.W. watch engaged washing ship, in side. Middle & latter part wind light. spoke the English ship Mesterly Belle of Liverpool bound to Bombay.

Lat ~~22~~ 22 South

Monday 27th

Commences with light trades heading S.W. several vessel in sight spoke the Sawallow. latter part moderate trades. bent a new main spencer and rove new braces several vessel in sight steering to the S.W.

Lat 2° 15' South
Long 38° 20' West

Tuesday 28th

Commences with fine trades from the S.W. heading S.W. watch engaged ripping up the old main spencer &c. latter part still continues fair weather and fine breeze watch engaged painting iron work &c.

Lat 4° 35' S
Long 29° 35' W

Wednesday 29th

Commences with fine trades steering S.S.W. watch making spencer &c. Middle & latter part continues the same watch engaged working in the rigging. Cooks sick off duty with a lame back.

Lat 8° 00' S
Long 30° 12' W

South James Cottle Master

Thursday 30th

Commences with fine trades steering S.S.W. Two Brigs in sight steering S.S.W. also. latter part light trades. watch engaged breaking out for water &c. fine weather.

Lat 11° 00' South
Long 31° 38' West

Friday December 1st

Commences with light trades steering S.S.W. engaged putting new cutting pendant lashing up, &c. saw bushes. supposed to be drum passes as we steered for them and saw no more. Middle & latter part the same. watch engaged middle stitching the gaff topsail &c.

Lat 13° 30' South
Long 31° 46' West

Saturday 2^d

Commences with light trades steering S.S.W. engaged painting iron work &c. a Brig in sight steering S.S.W. also. Middle & latter part trades well to the Eastward. watch engaged making spencer & working in the rigging &c. Cook on duty again.

Lat 15° 32' S
Long 32° 09' W

Sunday 3^d

Commences with light trades steering S.S.W. watch engaged washing ship inside &c. Middle & latter part still continues fine and light breeze.

Lat 18° 05' S
Long 32° 30' West