

Journal of the Bark John Dawson bound
Monday Dec 4th 1863.

Commenced with light
breezes from the S.E. steering
S.W. at 3:30 P.M. Mr. Hicks raised
a school of small sperm whales going to
S.E. lowered and went Boat & struck
the school went to the windward at 8 P.M.
took the whale along side and made him
well fast and set the watches mid-part
watches engaged getting cutting gear ready
& C ship heading S.W. latter part at
daylight called all hands and hooked on
the whale and at 8 A.M. had him all
in and at 11 A.M. started the works.
saw Grampasses breaching. steering to
the S.E.

Lat 18° 30' South
Long 32° 07' West

Tuesday 5th

Commenced with light breezes
from the S.E. steering different courses
to the S.E. all hands engaged in pulling
and cutting up blubber & C mid-part
steering S.W. latter part at 6 P.M. cooled
down and put the halibut on watch
engaged clearing up decks & C saw the
sails steering to the E.S.E. Frank Carnullo
won't seem to get any better.

Lat 19° 26' South
Long 32° 50' West

South James Cottle Master
Wednesday 6th

Commenced with very light
breezes from the S.E. steering S.W. at 4 P.M.
steering S.W. by S. middle & latter part
wind and weather the same water engaged
taking off halibut oil & C gave a new cutting
fell 1 1/2
Lat 21° 02' South
Long 33° 31' West

Thursday 7th

Commenced with light breezes
from the S.E. steering S.W. by S. saw two
Barks standing to the westward. water
engaged. picking over potatoes & C. middle
and latter part fine breezes from the
S.W. water engaged slowing down oil
in the after hold on the Port side at
10 A.M. finished. run down about 30 bbls

Lat 28° 08' S
Long 34° 25' W

Friday 8th

Commenced with fine breezes
from the S.W. steering S.W. by S. Cooper
lifting oil cask & C saw a Bark standing
to the S.E. just after sunset Carpenter
raised two large whale sperm, going about
N.W. & N. loomed but it was too late at 8 P.M.
come on board, and shortened sail and
laid with the main top sail a back heading
S.E. at 9 P.M. wore ship heading N.W. & W.
latter part light variable winds and rainy
drizzly weather. working to the S.W. under
short sail.

No oil