

Journal of the Bark John Dawson in the

Saturday Dec 9th 1865

Commences with light breezes from the Northward leading to the Southward and rainy drizzling weather at sundown shortened sail. Latter part light breezes from the S.W. made all sail and heading to the Westward under Fore & Main royal. Very fine weather

Lat 24°46' South
Long 34°54' West

Sunday 10th

Commences with light airs and calms leading to the Southward saw grasshoppers &c. watch engaged working in the rigging &c. at sundown shortened sail mid-part calm latter part light airs from the Eastward steering S.W.

Lat 25°02' South
Long 35°02' West

Monday 11th

Commences with light airs from the Eastward steering S.W. by W. at sundown shortened sail. Latter part fine breezes made sail. Watch engaged breaking out for water &c. saw grasshoppers. fine clear weather row new main braces out of old sawline saw two birds standing to the Eastward

Lat 25°58' South
Long 36°25' West

Master
South Atlantic Ocean James Cattle

Tuesday 12th

Commences with fine breezes from the S.E. steering S.W. by W. saw grasshoppers watch engaged overhauling foot ropes &c. at sundown shortened sail and luffed by the wind heading S.W. mid-part breezes on. Latter part strong breezes from the Northward set double reefed topsails and kept off S.W. by W. foggy weather saw at Bar & steering to the S.E.

Lat 27°18' S
Long 37°52' West

Wednesday 13th

Commences with fresh breezes from the Northward steering S.W. by W. foggy weather. at sundown took in fore topsail & fore sail. wind veered around to the S.E. and set in thick rain. ship heading S.E. by W. latter part still continues thick drizzly weather. set fore sail & fore topsail and kept off S.W. by W.

Thursday 14th

Commences with fresh breezes from the Eastward and drizzling weather steering S.W. by W. at sundown furled fore sail & fore topsail and came to on the Port tack heading South. latter part lowering weather and light breezes from the S.E. made sail and kept off S.W. by W. saw a Bark standing to the Northward

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