

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising
Friday Dec - 15th 1865.

Commenced with light breezes from the S.E. steering S.W. by W. thick squally weather. at sundown shortened sail. latter part light air from the S.W. heading W. by S. set all sail fine weather all hands looking sharp for sperm whales. &c

Lat 29°00 South
Long 40°21 West

Saturday 16th

Commenced with light breezes from the S.W. heading W.S.W. at 4 P.M. hauled to the S.E. steering S.W. by W. at sundown shortened sail. latter part fine weather set all sail steering S.W. watch engaged clearing out the hold &c

Lat 29°36 South
Long 42°18 West

Sunday 17th

Commenced with light breezes and hauling to the Eastward steering S.W. watch engaged washing ship inside &c latter part wind veered to the S.E. fine clear weather saw Grampasses

Lat 30°50 South
Long 43°03 West

Monday 18th

Commenced with light breezes from the S.E. steering S.W. at sundown shortened sail. latter part made sail. foggy weather watch engaged in odd jobs about decks

Lat 31°30 South
no Long

Masted
in the South Atlantic Ocean James Catle
Tuesday 19th

Commenced with fine breezes from the S.E. and thick drizzly weather steering S.W. at 5 P.M. breezed up strong took in all sail but a closed reefed main-top sail main-springer and fore-top mast stay sail and hove to heading to the Eastward secured things for a blow at 7 P.M. blowing moderate gales. mid-part muddering and veering to the S.E. latter part fine breezes from the S.E. made sail and steered S.W. Lowery weather Broke out for Broad

Lat 32°54 South
Long 45°40 West

Wednesday 20th

Commenced with light breezes from the S.E. steering W. S.W. saw several breaches supposed to be Grampasses Lowery and drizzly weather at sundown shortened sail and came to on the Port tack heading S.E. latter part fresh breezes from the Southward made sail and kept off W. by S. squally unsettled weather

Lat 33°15 South
Long 47°10 West

Thursday 21st

Commenced with brisk breezes from the Southward steering W. by S. weather more settled at sundown shortened sail and came to on the Port tack heading S.W. latter part fine clear weather set all sail and kept off W. by S. saw a whale dead &c squids

Lat 33°04 South
Long 48°20 West