

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising

Tuesday Jan 2^d 1869

Commences with strong breeze from the S.W. at 1 P.M. wore ship heading S by E. under short sail. Took the fat head off better part fine weather at 7 P.M. wind veered to the S.E. heading S.W. all hands engaged stowing down oil in the ground tier in the after hold.

Lat 32° 38' South
Long 47° 35' West

Wednesday 3^d

Commences with fine breeze from the S.E. heading S.W. at 4 P.M. finished stowing down oil and washed off. At sundown shortened sail better part strong breeze heading S.W. by S. watch engaged getting out shooks and cooper setting them up.

Lat 33° 22' South
Long 48° 56' West

Thursday 4th

Commences with strong breeze from the S.E. heading S.W. by S. under double reefed topsails, a whale in sight. Watch engaged washing ship inside & C. At sundown shortened sail & wore ship heading East. better part fresh breeze made sail and wore ship heading S.W. by S. saw several merchant vessels. Cooper setting up shooks. Watch engaged working in the rigging & C. fine weather.

Lat 34° 00' South
Long 49° 34' West

Master
in the South Atlantic Ocean James Cattle
Friday 5th

Commences with fine breeze from the S.E. heading S.W. at 1 P.M. wore ship heading E. by E. At sundown shortened sail. better part splendid weather set all sail. O if we could only get a whale. Watch engaged pumping the fresh water out from under the fly ber room and putting in the after hole on the riding pier and filling the cask under the blue room with salt water, saw Grampasses.

Lat 33° 24' South
Long 49° 01' West

Saturday 6th

Commences with light breeze from the Eastward at 2 P.M. tacked ship heading to the S.E. at sundown shortened sail better part fine weather wind from the S.E. by E. heading to the Eastward. At 8 P.M. spoke the ship Good Hope 50 days from New York and at 10 P.M. spoke the Bark Marcella Captain Chase 9 months out chain.

Lat 34° 17' South
Long 49° 34' West

Sunday 7th

Commences with fine breeze from the S.E. by E. Tacked ship heading S.W. gaining with the Marcella. At sundown wore ship and shortened sail heading East. better part still continues fine weather made sail heading E. by E. the Marcella in sight.

Lat 34° 36' South
Long 48° 27' West