

Journal of the Bark John Lawson cruising in the

Sunday 14th Jan 1866

Commenced with strong breezes from the E. S. E. buffed by the wind heading N. finished and bent the main-topsail. Watch engaged passing ship inside at sundown shortened sail, mid-part at 12 m wore ship heading S. E. latter part brisk breeze and overcast weather made sail at 7 P.M. tacked ship heading N. saw fumpers

Lat 34° 00' S
Long 49° 11' W

Monday 15th

Commenced with fine breezes from the E. S. E. heading N. hazy weather at sundown tacked ship and shortened sail heading S. E. latter part light breeze and foggy weather. made sail at 7 A.M. tacked ship heading N. by E. watch engaged making Spinnaker &c. at 11:30 A.M. tacked ship heading S. E.

Lat 33° 33' South
Long 49° 26' West

Tuesday 16th

Commenced with light breeze from the E. S. E. heading S. E. pick up a gawl Boat oar. at sundown tacked ship and shortened sail heading N. by E. mid-part parable wind. latter part calm. foggy weather. broke out for water. &c

Lat 34° 13' South
Long 48° 20' West

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South Atlantic Ocean James Cattle

Wednesday 17th

Commenced with light breeze from the Eastward heading S. S. E. engaged rattling down Mizzen rigging &c at 6 P.M. exchanged signals with a Portuguese Brig at sundown shortened sail. latter part drizzle. thick weather made sail at 7 A.M. tacked ship heading S. E. two Brigs in sight at 12 M. sun out a little while saw Grampasses and Porpoises &c

Lat 33° 30' South
Long 48° 15' West

Thursday 18th

Commenced with moderate breezes from the Eastward tacked ship heading N. saw grampasses. thick weather at sundown shortened sail & wore ship heading S. E. mid-part breezes latter part strong breezes and breezes on, and hauling around to the S. by E. at 10 P.M. hove to under double reefed main-topsail. main-reef & fore-top-mast stay-sail. took the Boat up and secured things for a blow. saw lots of Grampasses and pieces of squid. Pomps attended to

Lat 32° 54' South
Long 47° 29' West

Friday 19th

Commenced with moderate gales from the S. by E. heading N. S. E. at 2 P.M. blowing quite heavy closed reefed the main-topsail and at 4 P.M. the sail tore by the closed reefed earing. mended it as well as we could and goosed (wriged) it at dark moderating at the main-topsail latter part light breeze from the S. by E. heading N. S. E. sent down the main-topsail and put 4 strong tin bands on it and sent it away

Lat 33° 00' South Long 48° 02' West