

Journal of the Bark John Dawson Carrying m

Wednesday Jan 31st 1866

Commences with strong breeze from the Eastward more ship heading S. saw a Brig standing to the S.E. at sundown shortened sail, and more ship heading E.S.E. latter part still continues strong breeze and hazy weather more ship heading S.S.W. saw lots of Grampasses.

Lat 34°23 South
Long 49°35 West

Thursday Feb 1st

Commences with strong breeze from the E.S.E. heading S.S.W. at 2 P.M. set in thick weather and drizzly at 4 P.M. more ship and took in all sail but a closed reefed main topsail foretopmast stay sail & main spencer, mid-part blowing moderate gales and thick rainy weather, latter part at 8 P.M. wind veered around to the Westward and cleared off, and moderated a little set closed reefed foretop sail, a heavy cross sea on, heading South, two whaler in sight, saw also Grampasses pumps attended to.

Lat 34°34 South
Long 49°49 West

Friday 2^d

Commences with moderate gales from the Westward at 2 P.M. kept off S.E. at sundown took in foretop sail and come to on the Port tack heading S. mid-part moderating, latter part made sail & kept off S.E. fair weather and nothing in sight, watch engaged making spungarn &c

Lat 34°00 South Long 48°24 West

the South Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Saturday 3^d

Commences with fine breeze from the Southward steering N.E. at 2 P.M. steering N by W. sent down the main sail manded it and bent it again at sundown shortened sail and come to on the Port tack heading West mid-part wind veered to the S.E. hauled the maintopsail a back heading E.S.E. latter part light breeze and cloudy weather set all sail at 6 P.M. tacked ship heading N. saw a large ship steering to the S.W. watch engaged in various duties, no one else.

Sunday 4th

Commences with brisk breeze from the Eastward and breeze on took in the light sail and double reefed the topsail, watch engaged passing ship inside, at 4 P.M. wind from the S.E. took in all sail but a closed reefed main topsail main spencer & foretop mast stay sail, blowing moderate gales with thick rainy weather ship heads E.S.E. took the Boat up, and secured things for a blow pumps attended to, mid-part blowing fresh gales from the Southward, latter part blowing moderate gales from the S.W. and clear weather ship heading S.E. saw a Brig heading to the Westward.

Lat 32°47 South
Long 48°23 West