

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in
Saturday Feb 17th 1865

Commenced with light breeze from the N.E. heading N.W. Bent a new maintop sail and bent the old one for a foretop sail and sent the foretop sail down to repair. Saw a Brig steering N.E. Rove new fit down haul, at sundown shortened sail and wore ship heading S.E. & mid-part wind hauled to the Southward wore ship heading West. latter part set all sail. sent down maintop gallant sail & mended it and bent it again. Broke out for water. &c. saw lots of Grampasses. The Osprey in sight splendid weather.

Lat 31°46 South
Long 43°15 West

Sunday 18th

Commenced with light breeze from the Southward heading N.W. Watch engaged washing ship in side & at sundown shortened sail. mid-part wind hauled to the N.E. steering S.W. latter part fine breeze and fair weather. The Osprey in sight.

Lat 32°16 South
Long 46°21 West

Monday 19th

Commenced with fine breeze from the N.E. steering S.W. at 5 P.M. spoke the Herald and the Osprey at sundown. shortened sail heading N.W. latter part made sail and spoke the Herald. and put some letters on board of her as she is bound into St Catharines and steered off N.E. at 4 P.M.

Lat 32°22
Long 46°34

the South Atlantic Ocean James Cattle

Tuesday 20th

Commenced with fresh breeze from the Eastward steering N.W. and the Herald also at sundown shortened sail and come to on the Port tack heading S.E. latter part strong breeze and smoky weather. Saw lots of Grampasses. Engaged making another gafftop sail out of a Jap mastaludding sail.

Lat 33°40 South
Long 48°02 W

Wednesday 21st

Commenced with head breeze from the Eastward at 1 P.M. wore ship heading N.W. Watch engaged rigging up the old gafftop sail and maintop gallant studding sail at sundown shortened sail. latter part strong breeze. at Fore sail. at 7 P.M. bent off N.W. at 10 P.M. come to on the Port tack heading S.E. finished & bent the gafftop sail smoky weather.

Lat 33°44 South
Long 48°36 West

Thursday 22^d

Commenced with strong breeze from the N.E. heading E.S.E. watch engaged making point to meet & saw a Bark standing to the Northward. at sundown shortened sail latter part ship rising. at 10 P.M. wind veered around to the Southward heading to the Westward. chased off spoke the Marcella. saw also two other Barks steering to the S.E.

Lat 34°24 South
Long 47°50 West