

Journal of the Bark John Dawson Cruising in
Wednesday March 7th 1888

Commenced with light breezes
from the S.S.W. heading West the Bark Sarah
in sight. Watch engaged making pennant & C
saw Grampasses at sundown shortened sail
Mid part breeze on attended with rain.
squalls latter part wind from the S.W.
set double reefed topsail heading N.W. W.
Watch engaged making pennant & C the
Bark Sarah in sight

Lat 31° 24' South
Long 44° 36' West

Thursday 8th

Commenced with strong breezes
& broken on in squalls from the S.W.
heading N.W. W. at 2 P.M. took in all sail
but close reefed main topsail & main
spencer & fore topmast staysail blowing
moderate gale. secured things about decks
for a blow & C. Pumps attended to
Mid part moderating latter part fresh
breezes and hazy weather made sail. Watch
engaged strapping blocks and overhauling
fore topgallant & lifts & C

Lat 31° 02' S
Long 44° 49' West

Friday 9th

Commenced with strong breezes
from the S.W. at 1 P.M. wore ship heading S.E.
Watch engaged making new main topgallant
rigging & C at sundown shortened sail. Latter
part light airs from the Southward heading S.W.
Watch engaged working in the rigging & C
Lat 30° 52' South Long 44° 44'

Master
the South Atlantic Ocean James Catte

Saturday 10th

Commenced with light breezes
from the Southward heading S.W. fine
clear weather. Watch engaged overhauling
& setting up fore topgallant rigging & C
saw a school of squids and a merchant vessel
steering S.W. at sundown shortened sail
Mid part wind veered around to the Eastward
heading to the Southward latter part fine
weather steering S.E. W. set all. Watch engaged
making pennant and overhauling fore topgallant
rigging & C saw a Brig steering S.W.

Lat 31° 17' South
Long 45° 03' West

Sunday 11th

Commenced with light breezes
from the Eastward heading S. fine weather
Watch engaged washing ship on side at sundown
shortened sail. Latter part fine clear weather
set all sail heading to the S.E. two
whales in sight.

Lat 32° 20' South
Long 45° 16' West

Monday 12th

Commenced with light breezes
from the Eastward heading S.W. at 4 P.M.
spoke the Bark Callio. Captain Brown
& months out 15th the spinnaker at sundown
shortened sail. Latter part fine weather
heading to the Southward at 12 M wore
ship heading S.E. Watch engaged drawing
& noting yarn.

Lat 32° 06'