

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the
Saturday March 17 1866

Commenced with fine
breezes from the S.W. & steering N.E. & W.
watch engaged stowing down oil in the ground
tier in the fore hold, stowed down the ditions
also 200 gallons for the ditions also, and at 5 P.M.
saw a whaleing about 15 miles to the
ward but I guess she did not get any, at
sundown shortened sail & came to with the
mainyard slack heading N.W. & W. latter part
made sail at 6 P.M. kept off S.W. by W.
and the Gallic & Triton also. at 10 A.M.
raised the Triton whaleing again, and before
we could get to her she struck, and we never
see no more of the whales. so ends with fine
weather

Lat 33° 34' South
Long 48° 27' West

Sunday 18th

Commenced with fine breezes
from the S.W. & heading N.W. & W. at 2 P.M.
tacked, saw the Triton to the side, watch engaged washing ship & C at
sundown, tacked ship heading N.W. & shortened
sail. It seems hard to see other ships getting oil
and we can't get a chance, but such is a whaleman
life. At 12 M. wore ship heading
E.S.E. latter part splendid weather set all
sail. at 7 A.M. tacked ship heading N.W. at
11 A.M. tacked back heading E.S.E.

Lat 33° 33' South
Long 48° 20' West

South Atlantic Ocean James Catth Master

Monday 19th

Commenced with light breezes
from the N.E. & fine weather heading E.S.E.
saw Grampasses, at sundown shortened sail,
latter part fresh breezes made sail, watch
engaged making spun yarn & C fine clear
weather

Lat 34° 23' South
Long 47° 20' West

Tuesday 20th

Commenced with fine breezes
from the S.W. & heading E by S at 1 P.M.
tacked heading S.W. and at 4 P.M. tacked
heading East watch engaged overhauling
foot ropes & C at sundown, tacked ship &
shortened sail heading S.W. by W. Mid-part
wore ship heading East latter part fresh breeze
wind from the S.W. heading S.W. & W. watch
engaged filling cask with salt water, as we
cannot get any oil for ballast, smoky weather

Lat 33° 45' South
Long 48° 57' West

Wednesday 21st

Commenced with fresh breezes
from the S.W. heading S.W. & E. watch engaged
stowing some more salt under the blubber
room and filling them with salt water
at sundown shortened sail mid part wind
veered around to the S.W. steering S.W. & E.
latter part fine weather made sail cooking
setting up & hooks watch engaged making
spun yarn & C

Lat 32° 54' South
Long 48° 36' West