

Journal of the Bark John Dawson in the South
Monday April 9th 1866

Commenced with light breezes from the Eastward steering S. by N. saw frigate ~~passing~~ & C. latter part at 5 P.M. left off West and at 6 P.M. raised the coast of Brazil, and the Island of Arade bearing West distant 20 miles, and at 12 M. Arade, bearing N. by N. distant 5 miles ~~got~~ bent the cable and got the anchors off the bows & C.

Tuesday 10th

Commences with light sea breezes steering in for St. Cruz and at 9 P.M. come to anchor in 3 fathoms off St. Cruz. The Bark Osprey & Alfred Gibbs & Mary Grazer & Marcella and several other vessels ~~at~~ ends sea time.

Tuesday 10th

8 A.M. fair weather ran bent the sails and sent down fore & main topsail, jibs & set the bands & sent them up again. No come in, thick & rainy weather.

Wednesday 11th

At 7 A.M. cleared off fine weather. Captain & a Boat crew went up to the rest engaged starting water. H. pumping out the ground tier & C. 8 M. sent a raft off cash ashore. at 11 P.M. Captain came from town. Three of his Boat crew wanted. They were Portuguese that came on board at Brazil last fall.

Atlantic Ocean James Catto Master

Thursday 12th

Commences with low weather all hands engaged get off water and running it down & C.

Friday 13th

Fine weather all hands engaged getting off water & stowing it down & C. P.M. strong breezes from the Southward.

Saturday 14th

Fine weather all hands engaged getting off water & stowing it down and setting up head staves & C. a American gun boat came in.

~~Monday~~

Sunday 15th

Fair weather starboard watch on liberty.

Monday 16th

Commences with fine weather all hands engaged getting water & painting the parps & C.

Tuesday 17th

Fine weather all hands engaged stowing down water and Boating wood & C. P.M. strong breezes from the Southward attended with rain. finished getting water got about 400 lbs in all got a small cask of molasses from the Bark Osprey.