

Journal of the Bark John Dawson at RA

Wednesday 18th April 1866

Commenced with fine weather & light breeze from the southward. all hands engaged painting ship gut side. & Boasting wood at 9 AM the Bark sprang went out. P.M. at 4 P.M. the Bark sprang come to anchor she has taken 270 barrels since we last saw her 570 in all finished getting wood got 2040 sticks in all

Thursday 19th

Commenced with fine weather Port watch on liberty Starboard watch engaged setting up main topmast backstays

Friday 20th

Commenced with fine weather Starboard watch on liberty. Port watch engaged putting up new main top gallant rigging and setting up the backstays &c

Saturday 21st

Commenced with fine weather Port watch on liberty Starboard watch engaged working in the rigging &c P.M. washing ship in side

Sunday 22^d

Commenced with light air from the southward Starboard watch on liberty. Edwin Brown. deserted

Cathartes James Cattle Master

Monday 23^d

Commenced with breezy weather Captain Cattle and a Boat crew went up town. the rest engaged mending the fore top sail & fore top gallant sail & bent them & blacked the yards &c. At 9 P.M. Captain got back. Benjamin Stirling & Charles Smith, deserted

Tuesday 24th

Fair weather all hands engaged bending sails & got off a small rept of water bent a new main sail & fitrove new main butlines also.

Wednesday 25th

Commenced with fine weather all hands engaged getting ready for sea and getting on board recruits &c. sold 15 gals of Blackfish oil

Thursday 26th

Pleasant weather all hands engaged stripping & rearing muzzier rigging took the Starboard & Waist Boat in and repaired them put them out again & painted them

Friday 27th

Commenced with splendid weather all hands engaged working in the rigging. &c Caught Edwin Brown Benjamin Stirling & Charles Smith brought them on board & put them in irons. sold 29 gals of Blackfish oil