

Journal of the Bark John Dawson bounds North

Sunday May 6th 1866

Commenced with light breeze from the S.E. steering E.S.E. fine light weather watch working in the rigging & middle & latter part wind variable heading S.E. by E. saw several vessels steering to the S.W. Mr. Cleveland on duty again

Lat 23° 24' South
Long 40° 21' West

Monday 7th

Commenced with light breeze from the Eastward heading S.E. latter part weather still continued from water engaged strapping blocks and overhauling rigging & c. Steward off duty sick with the Consumption, James White is acting steward in his place. Pump attended to

Lat 22° 14' South
Long 39° 18' West

Tuesday 8th

Commenced with fine weather and light breeze from the Eastward heading S.E. water engaged working rigging. Middle part variable winds attended with rain squalls latter part brisk breeze from the Eastward heading S.E. by E. hazy weather watch engaged making senor & c.

Lat 21° 23' South
Long 39° 11' West

James Catto Master

Wednesday 9th

Commenced with moderate breeze from the Eastward heading S.E. by E. at 5 P.M. hauled to the S.E. latter heading E.S.E. water engaged working in the rigging & middle part variable winds attended with rain. latter part wind more steady heading E.S.E. water engaged strapping blocks & c. Pump attended to.

Lat 21° 18' South
Long 38° 25' West

Thursday 10th

Commenced with light breeze from the S.E. heading E.S.E. Mizzen topmast had a stay stranded. spliced it and set it up. Middle part at 3 A.M. tacked ship heading S.E. by E. latter part at 10 A.M. tacked back again heading S.E. by E. water engaged strapping & overhauling blocks & c. so eng. with splended weather

Lat 21° 33' South
Long 37° 51' West

Friday 11th

Commenced with light breeze from the Northward & Eastward heading S.E. by E. at 2 P.M. tacked ship heading S.W. by W. water engaged working in the rigging & middle & latter part fine weather. Saw a ship steering to the S.W. water engaged reefing up the old main sail and strapping blocks & c. Nations and tarthos in the house. I should not mind this head wind so much if we only had been more fortunate last season. but as it is our whole salvation depends on getting North as quick as possible.

Lat 20° 08' South
Long 37° 35' West