

Journal of the Bark John Dawson bound

Saturday May 26th 1866

Commenced with light
variable air heading to the Northward. Weather
engaged, rattling down Lap sail & rigging &c
Middle part at 12 m took the S. & S. trades
heading S. S. W. latter part splendid
weather, water engaged, squaring the
sails & seeing to the rigging &c
Mmms attended to

Lat 0° 32' North
Long 33° 41' West

Sunday 27th

Commenced with fine trades
heading S. S. W. water engaged, washing
ship inside. Middle & latter still continued
fine breeze and fair weather, saw a Brig
standing to the Northward also. Mmms
attended to

Lat 8° 57' North
Long 33° 58' West

Monday 28th

Commenced with moderate
trades heading S. by W. Middle & latter
part winds still continued light, saw a few
small Black fish going quick to the
windward, water engaged, working in
the rigging &c Mmms attended to

Lat 10° 57' North
Long 36° 40' West

North James Cattle Master

Tuesday 29th

Commenced with fine trades
heading S. by W. water engaged, rattling
down Lap sail & rigging &c Middle & latter
part brisk breeze, saw a piece of squelch
water engaged in various duties Mmms
attended to

Lat 13° 30' North
Long 38° 21' West

Wednesday 30th

Commenced with brisk
trades heading S. by W. water engaged,
making scrub broom tops. Middle & latter
part the same hazy weather, water engaged
in various duties Mmms attended to

Lat 16° 35' North
Long 39° 53' West

Thursday 31st

Commenced with fresh trades
and fair weather, water heading S. by W.
took the front top gallant sail & Lap to heel
& mizzen top mast at a gale. At 4 1/2 m
James Cushing fell from the fore top
on deck and bruised his head quite bad
but nothing dangerous. off duty Middle &
latter part still fresh trades & hazy weather
saw a Brig steering to the Westward Mmms
attended to

Lat 19° 35' North
Long 41° 22' West