

Journal of the Bark John Dawson cruising in the
Wednesday Oct 10th 1866

Commenced with fine breeze from the S.E. steering S.W. at 5 P.M. fished & bent the mainsail put the hole of the main topmast staysail on it, at sundown shortened sail. latter part light breeze from the S.E. made sail water engaged painting down mast &c. fine weather Pumps attended to

Lat 38° 24' North
Long 70° 24' West

Thursday 11th

Commenced with light breeze and hauling to the S.W. heading West water engaged painting down lower mast &c at sundown shortened sail. latter part wind hauling back again to the Eastward & breeze on and thick weather steering S.W. Pumps attended to

No coal

Friday 12th

Commenced with strong breeze from the Eastward and thick drizzly rainy weather steering S.W. under double reefed topsails. at 4 P.M. furled the jib & mainsail mid-part veered to the S.W. at 2 A.M. set jib and mainsail latter part squally weather and strong breeze water engaged filling empty cask with salt water as we cannot get any oil for ballast saw a Brig steering to the Eastward. Pumps attended to

Lat 36° 00' North
Long 48° 30' West

North Atlantic Ocean James Cottle Master

Saturday 13th

Commenced with strong breeze from the S.W. heading N.W. water engaged strapping and over hauling foremast tacks Black & latter part still continuing strong breeze under double reefed topsails. Pumps attended to

Lat 34° 32' North
Long 45° 56' West

Sunday 14th

Commenced with strong breeze from the S.W. heading S.W. rugged weather mid-part heavy squalls. furled jib & spanker & main sail latter part thick weather and variable air. at 11 A.M. a breeze sprang up from the Southward steering N.W. saw out at intervals Pumps attended to

Lat 33° 24' North
Long 44° 16' West

Monday 15th

Commenced with strong breeze from the Southward and hauling to the Northward at 5 P.M. wore ship steering N.W. thick drizzly weather under double reefed topsails. mid-part moderating and hauling to the Westward set all sail, latter part wind from the S.W. tacked ship heading N.W. water engaged making new fore tacks & rove new jib & flying jib. sudden squalls. smoky weather. Pumps attended to

Lat 33° 26' North
Long 43° 17' West