

Journal of the Bark John Dawson

Monday November 5th 1866

Commenced with calms. at 4 P.M. Captain Cottle went on board a French Bark bound to Harver. Latter part a light breeze from the Westward steering N by W. Pumps attended to.

Lat 33° 40'

Long 70° 29'

Tuesday 6th

Commenced with light variable breeze. at 4 P.M. began on from the N.E. double reefed the topsails and at 7 P.M. split the main topsail blowing quite heavy took in all sail but main spencer & fore topmast staysail heading N.W. mid-part blowing heavy in squalls and thick rainy weather. It made a fellow think of home. latter part let up a little but still blowing heavy. sent down main topsail and engaged in mending it. have to drive to see a stitch. ship heading N.W. a Brig in sight heading N.W. also Pumps attended to.

Wednesday 7th

Commenced with strong gale from the S.E. heading S.W. a heavy sea on at 4 P.M. moderated a little bent the main top sail and set it closed reefed. mid part moderating at 8 P.M. set close reefed topsails and courses latter part set double reefed topsails heading N.W. by W. Pumps attended to.

Lat 34° 9' N
Long 72° 40' W

Homeward bound James Cottle Master

Thursday 8th

Commenced with strong breeze from the N.W. heading N.W. by W. at 4 P.M. passed a schooner heading the same as we are mid-part moderating. latter part wind veering to the S.W. at 10 A.M. tacked ship and set all sail heading S.E. spoke a Benglish Brig Highland Navy. Pumps attended to.

Lat 34° 20' North
Long 74° 35' West

Friday 9th

Commenced with light breeze from the S.W. heading S.E. by S. line clear weather. crew on board of Bread the eye bit that held the fore topsail runner parted. put up a stop. middle & latter part light airs and splendid weather heading S.W. by E. Pumps attended to.

Lat 35° 11' North
Long 73° 48' West

Saturday 10th

Commenced with light breeze from the Westward steering N.W. by E. several vessels in sight steering to the Southward. latter part light airs and still continued splendid weather. engaged in scraping down the spar. &c. Pumps attended to.

Lat 36° 21' North
Long 72° 15' West