

James Cattle Master

Journal of the Bark *John Dawson* on Tread bound

Tuesday July 19th 1864

Commenced with light winds from the S.W. at 10 A.M. all hands onboard got under weigh and worked seaward making short tacks, so ends this day with fine weather.

Wednesday 20th

Commenced with light breeze from the S.W. all hands engaged working ship at 9 A.M. the crewers left us with three cheers, and at 6 P.M. the pilot left us. On Thursday having S.E. about 8 miles off, and saw a Pig light Boat bearing S.W. & S about 5 miles distant, at 7 P.M. called all hands aft and chose watches, lots of coasters in sight, at 9 P.M. past saw a Pig light heading S.E. middle & latter part weather still con. in fine. Crews engaged getting the Boat ready for whaling & several vessels in sight saw Black fish

Lat 40° 23' North
Long 69° 42' West

Thursday 21st

Commenced with light breeze from the S.W. heading S.E. watch engaged getting the Boat ready, an putting chafing gear on the rigging & C. mid-part, a ready breeze had the part at 4 A.M. wind hauled to the Westward steering South saw several vessels steering to the Northward water engaged getting cutting gear ready & C. so ends the 4 hours

Lat 39° 56' North
Long 69° 07' West