

Ship Hector towards Massachusetts

Tuesday February 8th 1842.

Begins with fresh trades. Ship heading to the south. under top gallant sails Middle parts standing half watches. 10 1/2 A.M. saw large bands of whales off the weather beam. Going very quick. did not lower. To Enas.

Lat 11.29 S.

Long 112.23 W.

Wednesday February 9th

Commences fine weather. the above mentioned whales in sight going very quick. Tacked ship several times but did not gain on them. Sunset the whales in sight at the masthead 4 miles off. Latter part. all sail out. steering to the S. nothing seen. To Enas these 24 hours.

Lat 12.07 S.

Long 112.04 W.

Thursday February 10th

These 24 hours. begins with fresh trades. squally weather. Employed in making spungarn. Saw nothing that had the appearance of whales. Latter part. steering to the south

Lat 12.30 South

Long 112.38 West

Friday February 11th

Present hours begins squally. ships course south. under topsails. nothing seen. Latter part. Ship under double reefed topsails 7 A.M. lowered the boats in pursuit of a large whale off the lee beam. Lost sun of the whale the boats then returned to the ship. To Enas these

Lat 13.05 S.

Long 112.58 W.

Ship Hector. James Gray. Commanded.

Saturday February 12th 1842

Commences squally weather. ship under reefed topsails. Course south. Saw nothing. Middle parts. Blowing fresh. Latter Employed in ships duty. Ends these 24 hours

Lat 16.50 S.

Long 112.58 W.

Sunday February 13th

Fine weather. Ship heading to the southward. Employed in chasing up the decks. Nothing seen. Latter part. nothing doing of consequence. Saw porpoises. To Enas these 24 hours.

Lat 18.26 S.

Long 113.13 W.

Monday February 14th

Commences fine weather. standing to the south. the crew at leisure. Saw nothing. Latter part. Light trades. Employed in filling then casks in the main hatchway.

Latitude 20.05

Long 113.03.

Tuesday February 15th

Fine weather. Employed about the deck. heading to the southward. Middle parts fine moonlight night. Latter part. wind from the East. heading S.E. by E. Saw nothing. To Enas.

Lat 21.11 S.

Long 112.48 W.

Wednesday February 16th

Pleasant. Light trades. Ship heading to the S.E. with all sail out. Busy in mending the mizen royal. Latter part. Calm. Employed about the deck. Saw nothing

Lat 21.58 S.

Long 112.46 W.