Ship Hector. Off Massafuero.

Wednesday March 9th 1842

Commences with fresh gales from the N.E. Ship heading E by N. topmast studding sails set. Middle and latter parts fine. Employed in breaking out after provisions

Latt 34.36 S.
Long 89.35 W.

Thursday March 10th

Fresh gales. ship heading E by N. Employed on the rigging, latter part Blowing fresh. Took in studding sails and reefed the topsails. Ends these 24 hours.

Latt 34.39 S
Long 86.00 W

Friday March 11th

Commences fair. Fresh gales from S.W. heading to the E.N.E. Employed in bending a new foretopsail. Nothing seen latter part. About the same. Ends these hours.

Latt 33.50 S.
Long 83.15 W.

Saturday March 12th

Begins fine weather heading E. by N. Employed in reefing up an old foretopsail. ~~&~~ Ship off the weather bow. latter part much the same as to wind and weather. Ends these 24 hours.

Latt 33.16 South
Long 82.00 West

Sunday March 13th

Fine weather. 2 P.M. saw off and spoke the magnolia. 28 m. ~~[illegible]~~ sp. latter part. Saw two ships off the weather Beam. Ends these 24 hours.

Latt 33.13 S.
Long 80.51 W.

Hector Gray Commander.

Monday March 14th 1842

Commences fair weather. Saw the island mary Massafuero to windward 4 P.M. Spoke the ships Comodore morris. downs direct from home. Clean. Statira. Folger. 28 mo 2300 sperm 9 P.M. Spoke the ship Catawba frase latter part. saw a ship. Ends these 24 hours.

Latt 33.13 South
Long 80.51 West.

Tuesday March 15th

These 24 hours. begins cloudy weather with fresh trades. Employed in mending the maintopgallantsail, & Flying Jib. latter part heading to the S.W. 11 A.M. saised whales ahead the ship. 11½ A.M. lowered and gave chase to the whales. Saw the Island. So Ends these 24 hours.

Latt 32.51 South
Long 80.06 West.

Wednesday March 16th

Fine weather. Saw the island massafuero. 20 miles distant. Caught two large whales took them to the ship. and hauled alongside the head yards. latter part. Cut the bodies in before dinner

No Observation

Thursday March 17th

Employed in cutting the whales. Saw the island massafuero off the weather beam Middle parts. boiling latter nothing seen. So Ends

Latt 32.34 South
Long 80.38 West

Lewis Hathaway