

Ship Hector Cruising off Massapequa

Friday March 18th 1842.

These 24 hours. Commenced fine weather. Employed in boiling. Ship heading to the S.E. with main top gallant sail set. Middle part boiling. Latter calm. nothing seen. So ends.

Saturday March 19th

Light breeze from S.S.W. Employed in boiling. Steering by the wind to the S.E. A ship in sight to the windward. Latter part spoke the ship Navigator Capt. Fisher. 6 mo 300 sh. Got some Irish potatoes, peaches &c. So ends.

Gatt South
Long West.

Sunday March 20th

Light winds from N.W.E. steering E. by the wind. Juan Fernandez ahead. Ship Navigator off our lee bow. 6 P.M. finished boiling, shortened sail to topsails. At 1 P.M. spoke the ship James Monson. Cushman master. 16 mo 950 sh. Latter part. Blowing fresh. So ends these 24 hours.

Gatt South
Long West.

Monday March 21st

Commenced strong trades from N.W. by W. steering S.W. by the wind. under topsails saw grampus, porpoises, and a pair of squid. No land in sight owing to cloudy weather. Latter part. squally. At 4 A.M. Massapequa bore W. by N. Employed in stowing down oil. in the after hold. Saw Blackfish. So ends these 24 hours.

Gatt South
Long West.

Ship Hector off Massapequa. J. Bray Command

Tuesday March 22nd 1842

Fine winds from N.W. and clear weather. Saw a brig steering to the E.N.E. Employed in stowing oil in the fore hold. 6 P.M. took in sail as usual. Latter part. Employed in stowing oil. So ends these 24 hours. Massapequa bearing N.W. 25 miles. Latter part distant. So ends.

Wednesday March 23rd

Light breeze from west, and fine weather. Employed in stowing oil. Saw a ship to windward. At 2 A.M. Tacked ship heading towards the land. Latter part. Saw a number of ships. But no whales. So ends these 24 hours.

Thursday March 24th

Light winds from N.W. and fine weather. Saw a number of ships but no whales. At 4 A.M. ship heading towards the land. Employed in washing ship fore and aft. 10 A.M. sent 2 boats on shore to catch goats. or any thing else that they can get. Saw 4 ships. Ends these 24 hours.

No Observation

Friday March 25th

Fresh winds from N.W. and clear weather. Beating up to the land. 4 ships in sight, also one finback. At 6 P.M. spoke the ship Chilo. Texas Coffin. Henry actor. Magnolia. Latter part. Fresh winds from N.W. Saw a Barge to windward. Massapequa bearing South. 30 miles distant.

Gatt South
Long West