

1822 Journal of the Bark Hector

August 11th Thursday morning pleasant and fine with light breeze from the westward steering South East across the gulf of Mexico saw three sails in sight 2 to the windward & 1 to the leeward in the afternoon raised a school of porpoise and fastened to one of the bows of the ship and killed him.

August 12th Friday morning heads wind and squally and rain wind blowing from the South East steering South South East at 8 o'clock the wind hauled to the Eastward and rained all day.

August 13th Saturday morning heads wind and squally with rain blowing pretty fresh from the Southward and Eastward at 9 o'clock the wind hauled around to the westward fair wind for us steering South East took in topgallant sails and closed reefed the fore and main topsails.

August 14th Sunday morning the wind blowing fair South West at 9 o'clock light breeze from the East and made sail steering East and a sail in sight right a stern.

August 15th Monday morning fair and pleasant with fair wind blowing from the westward we are steering East sail right ahead afternoon blew fresh and strong from the westward still.

August 16th Tuesday morning fair and pleasant the wind blowing fresh from the westward steering East in the evening died away calm and fair.

August 17th Wednesday morning fair and pleasant with the wind blowing from the South West fair for us steering East by North with a strong breeze.

August 18th Thursday morning fair and fine with the wind still blowing from the South West steering East South East fair for us.

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August 19th Friday morning fair and pleasant with the wind still blowing from the South West we steering East South East and in the afternoon the wind hauled around to the Northward and westward and died away calm we raised a school of Dolphin and caught four of them at 7 o'clock in the evening saw a school of black fish and covered the boats and did not fasten to one of them.

August 20th Saturday morning fair and pleasant with light breeze from the Eastward head wind and we steering South close on the wind at 8 o'clock in the afternoon we raised a school of sperm whales to the leeward of us we kept the ship off for them and lowered the boats and gave them a chase for 2 hours and could not fasten to them.

August 21th Sunday morning fair and pleasant with the wind a head light breeze from the Eastward steering South we caught 5 Dolphin of the Larboard boat in the afternoon died away calm and warm.

August 22th Monday morning pleasant and fine with the wind blowing from the Southward steering East very warm weather.

August 23th Tuesday morning fine and pleasant with the wind blowing from the Southward and westward steering East South East with light breeze.

August 24th Wednesday morning fair and pleasant with a light breeze from the westward steering East South East in the afternoon died away calm with two sails in sight right a stern.