

Journal for the Barque Hector

October 17 1822 Monday morning fair and pleasant with the wind blowing still from South east we are steering Southwest and we raised a spout of a fin back in the afternoon we raised a sail to the lower of us and about 6 o'clock she went across our stern to the windward of us and was soon out of sight.

October 18 Tuesday morning fair and pleasant with a light breeze from Southeast steering South west with a head swell in the afternoon we raised a fin back whale right ahead.

October 19 Wednesday morning fair and pleasant with the wind blowing South east steering South west. I raised a spout of a whale in the afternoon raised a mother fin back whale and about 5 o'clock in the afternoon raised another fin back a breaching we took it to be a sperm whale we kept off for him ^{for a while} and gave the chase up and left up to our course again and then we took in the main and fore top gallant sails and the span and gave topsail.

October 20 Thursday morning fair and pleasant with a strong breeze from the South east steering South west and by west we raised a spout of a fin back whale and saw another spout of a fin back. we are done tarring down the rigging we are standing watch and night Row on the whale ground.

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October 21 Friday morning fair and pleasant with the wind blowing from South east steering South west standing watch and watch we raised a sail two points of our weather bow bound for Vancouver she went across our bow to the lower she was a bark with all sail on her we saw a large sperm fish close to the ship 6 o'clock in the afternoon we broke out for butter and meal.

October 22 Saturday morning fair and pleasant with a light breeze from Southeast we are steering South west for river leplate standing watch and watch with nothing to do in the afternoon we raised a school of sperm whales going to the windward very fast we stop a while but gave them up and 6 o'clock we saw fin back a breaching to the windward of us with the wind blowing very fresh.

October 23 Sunday morning fair and pleasant with the wind blowing strong from South east we are steering South west and by west in the afternoon we raised a spout of our weather bow and we lifted up to speak her but we did not speak her but she went across our stern and we exchange signals she was a Spanish Bark nothing in sight.

October 24 Monday morning fair and pleasant with the wind blowing from North east we are steering South west and by west all hands made sail we raised two hump back whales.