

Journal for the Barque Hector

October 25th Tuesday morning the wind blowing very hard from Southward and Eastward we raised a hump back whale to the windward of us and then we raised a sail 2 points of our weather bow we luff up to speak him but we did not speak him he went across our lee bow and in the afternoon we raised another dail of our weather beam and we saw two large hump back whales a Breaching of our lee bow we kept of for them and we sailed right between them so over the day

October 26th Wednesday morning the wind blowing a gale from the Southward and Eastward we are under reefed topsail scudding Cloudy and rain of the banks of Brazil in the afternoon the wind still blowing very hard about 3 o'clock we raised a large sperm whale close to the ship the wind blew so hard that we could not lower the boats and then we closed reefed the main topsail and furled the foretopsail and reefed the foresail and hove the ship too

October 27th Thursday morning the wind still blowing a heavy gale from the Northward and Eastward we saw a very heavy swell and in the afternoon the wind still blowing very hard and it luff about 3 o'clock so that we set the foresail again and about 7 o'clock it began to blow however with heavy squalls of rain it kept so all night no signs of alteration in the weather

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October 28th Friday morning the wind shifted around to the Northward and cleared of with a good breeze from the Northward and Westward our vessel stand the gale very well standing watch and watch in the to do but look out for whales in the afternoon the wind began to blow a heavy gale from the Northward we furled the gill and spanker and furled the foresail and closed up the main topsail and we bent the main staysail with the wind blowing a heavy gale

October 29th Saturday morning the wind still blowing a gale from the Northward in the night we had heavy squalls of rain standing boats crew watch in the afternoon the wind did away and hauled around to the Westward and we set the gill and spanker on the whole ground

October 30th Sunday morning fair and pleasant with a light breeze from the Westward called at five o'clock and made sail standing to the Northward and we raised a fin back whale to the leeward of us and about 5 o'clock we raised and he fin back to the windward of us

October 31st Monday morning fair and pleasant with a light breeze from the Northward and Eastward steering West South West and we saw a large turtle we lowered the boats but did not get him in the afternoon we saw more turtles but could not get any of them