Journal for the Barque Hector

Novmbr 1st 1842 Tuesday morning the weather is bad we have the wind blowing from the northward a heavy gale with rain we are steering South west we took in the gib and spanker and furled the fore topsail and close reefed the main top sail we saw plenty of Cape turtles in the afternoon we saw sperm and humpback whales about 3 o'clock the wind died away calm so ended the day

Novr 2d Wednesday morning the wind blowing from the southward and westward we made sail and we had to take it in again the wind blowing squaly with rain in the afternoon the wind blow harder and harder we had to take in the foretopsail about 3 o'clock we raised a sail she came down across our bows she showed american colours she was a large brig at 6 o'clock we saw a sperm whale close to the ship

Novr 3d Thursday morning fair and pleasant with the wind blowing a light breese from the southward we made all sail again with a heavy swell on it

Novr 4th Friday morning the wind blowing a heavy gale of wind from the north west with the wind still blowing harder and harder we furled the foresail and she rolled so heavy that she got the worst boat stove in two places in the afternoon the wind still blowing very hard with a heavy swell on we raised a sail of our weather bow she was a brig hove to with the

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Novr 5th Saturday morning fair and pleasant with a light breese from the southward we called all hands and made sail and kept her of before the wind with two sails in sight one a steamer she is a mans of war brig and a sail to the Lower of us she is a whaler we are now bound to the broilus banks in the afternoon we raised a sail right ahead of us about 3 o'clock we hove her up again to south west for river Leplate

Novr 6 Sunday morning fair and pleasant with a light breese from the northward steering south west we raised humpback whales spouting to Lower of us in the afternoon quite calm we hauled up the courses we saw a large turtle we Lowered the Larboard boat down but did not get him but got one large Dolphin

Novr 7th Monday morning fair and pleasant with a light breese from the northward and southerly we are steering South west for river Leplate we saw some very large Rikcords under our bow we saw one school of porpoises in the afternoon the wind began to blow very hard from the northward and we had to furl the gib and spanker we took in the foretopsail and Close reefed the main topsail and sent the main Staysail and about 3 o'clock we raised a very large sperm whale about 2 miles of we Lowered the Larboard boat down but not faster to her the wind still blowing hard

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