

Journal for the Barque Hector

Dec 10th 1842 Saturday morning commences with strong wind from S.W. steering W.N.W. for the whale ground. It is very cold. The Carpenter is busy mending the main boat. That got stove in the last gale. We raised a school of hump back whales on the afternoon. The wind still blowing fresh from S.W. Latitude 46-10 South

Dec 11th Sunday morning commences with a strong wind from S.W. the watch and the foremast and portmast with the ship have too much heavy weather in the afternoon. The wind still blowing the same from S.W. about 12 o'clock the wind abated some we saw some whales blowing of our starboard quarter.

Dec 12th Monday morning commences with clouds and wind from N.W. steering S.W. by E. Bound round Cape Horn we raised a school of hump and fin back whales. A spouting off our starboard beam. In the afternoon the wind still blowing the same and we set portmast, studding sail and maintopgallant sails and at 4 pm the wind hauled to the West and cleared off. Cold the about 10 o'clock the wind shifted to S.W. and we are steering S.W. Latitude 46-10 South

Dec 13th Tuesday morning commences with the wind blowing very strong from S.W. and about 12 o'clock we saw several sperm whales and killed all hands and lower down the foremast boat water was raised on board in accident of a heavy squall. Lower up the whales still blowing all round the ship we fished the portmast and foremast in the afternoon. The wind still blowing the same with a heavy squall it is very cold Latitude 46-25 South

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Dec 14th 1842 Wednesday morning commences with the wind still blowing very strong from S.W. with a heavy swell on and our barque rolls very heavy indeed. Besides she is very wet in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same from S.W. we were ship and about 12 o'clock the wind abated some latitude to 46-12 South

Dec 15th Thursday morning commences with the wind still blowing the same from S.W. and about 1 pm we set the foresail and the wind abated some that has gone down in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same from S.W. about 3 pm the wind dies away calm and at 4 pm we raised a spout of a fin back whale and broke out for beans and water. Latitude to day 46-15 South

Dec 16th Friday morning commences with light breezes from S.W. at 8 o'clock we were ship and we raised a spout of a fin back it has cleared of fine and pleasant it is quite cool yet in the afternoon the wind shifted around to W.N.W. we are steering S.S.W. at 10 o'clock we raised a school of hump back whales right a head they are spouting all around the ship we set mainsail and gill maintopgallant sail Latitude 46-25 South

Dec 17th Saturday morning commences with the wind blowing from N.W. Bound around Cape Horn warm and pleasant we set portmast, studding sail steering S.S.W. the larboard watch broke out for beef and pork we have nothing to do but look out for whales and we raised one school of porpoise such came under the bows we did not fasten to any in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same from S.W. we are steering S.W. Bound round Cape Horn at 12 o'clock we square away the yards with nothing in sight Latitude 48-15 South Longitude 61-11 West