

Journal for the Barque Hector

January 16th Monday morning commences with a strong breeze from the W. accompanied with rain the wind abated so that we wore ship and made sail standing to the northward in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same and accompanied with rain we wore ship standing to the southward we saw a spout of right whale and at 4 o'clock we raised a sail of our weather bow Latitude 54-56. S. Longitude 77.56. W.

January 17th Tuesday morning commences with a light breeze from the westward standing to the southward it cleared of and the wind died all away so that we made all sail at 7 o'clock we raised a sail right ahead of us standing the same way we are in the afternoon we wore ship and stood to the southward until 4 o'clock then we wore ship again steering her course N.E. & W. with the sail still in sight to the windward of us and the wind began to blow again and rain Latitude 54-51. S. Longitude 78. W.

January 18th Wednesday morning commences with a strong breeze from the Westward steering N.E. & W. fair wind it is very squally accompanied with hail and rain so that we closed reefed the main top sail single reefed the fore top sail we went the last 18 hours at the rate of 8 knots an hour with made 144 miles went now laid abed to Cape Horn where we have been knocking about for about five weeks when we had gales of wind most every day in the afternoon the wind began to blow harder so that we had to furl the main sail and closed reefed the main top sail with a fair wind Latitude 52-27 S.

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January 19th Thursday morning commences with a light breeze from the westward steering N.E. & W. the wind abated so that we made sail again the wind is fair for us it is quite pleasant this morning considering what rough weather we have had we are now going into warmer weather fast in the afternoon it commences to rain and the wind died away and it became calm we raised a fin back whale close to the ship we mended the fore top sail and put some stops on the gill Latitude to day 49-51 S.

January 20th Friday morning commences with a calm and pleasant it is very warm and we are busy to work on the fore top gallant rigging to get it ready to set up when we get on the whale ground in the afternoon we unbent the foresail and mended it and it required 4 hands to do we finished it and bent it again and the weather still warm and calm Latitude to day 49-54 S.

January 21st Saturday morning commences with a light breeze from the Northward accompanied with rain we mended the fore top mast stay sail whip and at 10 o'clock we raised two right whales a spouting close to the ship we are standing to the westward the wind is ahead for us in the afternoon we took in sail with the wind still blowing ahead from the northward accompanied with rain no latitude to day

January 22nd Sunday morning commences with a strong breeze from the westward steering N.E. & W. we closed reefed the fore top sail we are now in the Pacific ocean in the afternoon the wind abated so that we made all sail again at 2 o'clock we raised a sail standing the same way we are Latitude to day 48-21 South