

# Journal for the Barque Hector

January 23<sup>d</sup> 1843 Monday morning commences with a light breeze from the westward steering N. by W. with the sail still in sight right ahead standing the same way we are we see the fore topmast standing sail and get top sail in the afternoon we went to work and cleared out the forecabin and took the chest up on deck the wind blowing a light breeze from the southward and west Latitude 45-57. South

January 24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday morning commences with a gale of wind blowing from the southward and westward we are steering N. by W. we closed reefed the main topsail and reefed the mainsail in the afternoon the wind still blowing hard until about 5 o'clock when it abated some so that we shook out reef out the main topsail and for topsail with the sea running high Latitude 45-20. S.

January 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday morning commences with light breezes from the S.W. we are steering N. by W. we made all sail again we are now on the coast of Chile we have not seen any thing as yet since we came around Cape Horn but two right whales we are now got into good weather and busy looking out for sperm whales in the afternoon the wind died away and became calm quite warm and pleasant all hands busy to work on the rigging and put the waist boat on the cranes Latitude 42-30. S.

January 26<sup>th</sup> Thursday morning commences with a strong breeze from the Westward we are steering N. by W. in the afternoon the wind abated so as to enable us to make sail again the weather is warm and pleasant so far we are now on the coast of Chile Pacific Ocean

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January 27<sup>th</sup> 1843 Friday morning commences with a strong breeze from S.W. steering N. E. at 6 o'clock we raised a sail of fair weather down standing close on the wind we set the main topgallant sail in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same but not so hard we are now cruising down along the coast of Chile for sperm whales Latitude today 40-15. S.

January 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning commences with a light breeze from the southward steering N. E. at 5 o'clock we raised a sail and soon came up with her and we spoke her and she proved to be the whale ship Sam of Warren R. I. 12 months out 20 hundred barrels of oil homeward bound the Captain came on board of us and our chief mate went on board of her and staid 3 hours and our Captain went on board and got some cash lashing and a fluke chain and then we came on board and kept the ship on her course bound for tutuamoa one of the ports in Chile where we shall recruit our ship in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same about 5 o'clock we raised a fair back Latitude 38-51. S.

January 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning commences with a light breeze from the southward steering N. along the coast of Chile with the land in sight bound for tutuamoa the weather is warm and pleasant we raised hump back whales sporting all around the ship and at 7 o'clock we raised a school of black fish and lowered down the carboard boat and gave them a chase but did not fasten to any in the afternoon still a light breeze from the southward closed in to the land with plenty of hump back whales in sight Latitude 37-30. S.