

Journal for the Barge Hector

January 30th 1843 Monday morning commences with a light breeze from the South steering along the coast of Chili all hands busy sending up the foretop gallant mast and yard and hoist the sail and got up the chain and bust on the anchor we saw plenty of hump back whales spouting all around the ship in the afternoon the wind still blowing a light breeze we are close under the land

January 31st Tuesday morning commences with foggy weather and light winds from the north of the land so that we had to shorten sail and standing of and on timberline in the afternoon it became foggy and rain until 2 o'clock when it cleared up so that we was able to make sail and run for the land which we soon made but the weather still foggy we are trying to get in to port

February 1st 1843 Wednesday morning commences with light breeze from the North steering for the harbor which we made and got in at 8 o'clock we passed the ship Lumary of warren R. 9. am went up and anchored at 1 o'clock in the afternoon we broke out four water casks and took them ashore and left them over the night whilst the captain went ashore and sent of some fresh Beef and potatoes

February 2nd Thursday morning commences with fine weather all hands busy to work getting water from shore and setting up shooks for to put water in in the afternoon it began to rain so that we had to stop work and cleared up the decks whilst the captain is on shore

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February 3rd 1843 Friday morning commences with light wind and rain so that we was not able to do anything until 12 o'clock the starboard watch went on shore on liberty in the afternoon it cleared of and the cooper went to work and set up shooks for water casks whilst the captain went on shore it is very warm and pleasant and so ends the day

February 4th Saturday morning with one watch painting ship and whilst the captain is on shore trading with the Spaniards in the afternoon still busy painting

February 5th Sunday morning fair and pleasant here in port one watch on shore

February 6th Monday morning commences with a light breeze from the north all hands busy painting ship and stowing down water in the afternoon the wind shifted around and began to blow hard from the South on shore there was a man belong on board of the Barge Brinnis of New Bedford got crazy and stab a man and killed one and almost killed the Captain

February 7th Tuesday morning commences with fine weather all hands busy fitting ship for sea whilst the captain is busy on shore trading

February 8th Wednesday morning commences with fine weather one watch on shore and the other busy stowing down water

February 9th Thursday morning commences with fine weather all hands busy to work on the ship getting ready for sea