

Journal for the Barque Hector

February 22^d Wednesday morning commences with a strong breeze from the Southward steering N. by E. we unbent the maintop sail and mended it and bent it again very warm and pleasant we saw grampus a breaching

February 23^d Thursday morning commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. steering N. N. E. in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same we are now in the trades

February 24th Friday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.E. steering N. N. E. we made sail again in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same it is cloudy weather at 4 o'clock we saw a large log floating a part the ship and we lowered down the main boat and picked it up and saw it up for fire wood

February 25th Saturday morning commences with a light breeze from the Southward and sailed steering N. by E. in the afternoon the wind still the same we are bound of shore ground

February 26th Sunday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering N. by E. in the afternoon it still blows the same from the Eastward we have saw nothing since we left Tauravane one of the port of Chili Latitude 23.27 S.

February 27th Monday morning commences with a strong breeze from the Southward steering N. E. steering watch and watch with nothing to do in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same about 4 o'clock we raised a whale breaching at our weather quarter we luffed the ship up for a while and then kept the ship off again

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February 28th 1843 Tuesday morning commences with a light breeze from the Southward steering N. by E. with nothing in sight very warm weather we are busy making spun yarn in the afternoon the wind still blowing light in evening we furled the foretop gillnet sail Latitude to day 19.27 S.

March 1st 1843 Wednesday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering N. N. by N. this morning we raised land of our weather bow we are cruising along the coast of Peru in the afternoon it still blows the same we are sailing down the coast of Peru Latitude 18.27 S.

March 2nd Thursday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering N. N. at 1 o'clock we saw a large sword fish we lowered down the main boat but did not get past at 12 o'clock it died away calm in the afternoon we saw a spout of a whale close under the land Latitude 16.58 S.

March 3rd Friday morning commences with light breeze from the Eastward steering N. N. along the coast of Peru close under the land in the afternoon we mended the main top gall out sail and bent it with a light breeze from the Eastward Latitude 14.22 S.

March 4th Saturday morning commences with calm and pleasant at 6 o'clock we raised a school of whales took them to be sperm whales we lowered down the boats and pulled up to them and they proved to be hump back whales we landed them but did not kill any we raised a sail close under the land and we kept the ship off for it we raised a sail she proved to be the coastline of Brazil R. 7.