

# Journal for the Barque Hector

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1843 Sunday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering N.W. by W. with the sail down to she is our four months and no oil In the afternoon calm and pleasant at 4 o'clock we saw something of our weather bow and luffed the ship up and lowered down the larboard boat and it proved to be a dead animal of some kind Latitude 14° 38' S.

March 6<sup>th</sup> Monday morning commences with fine and pleasant weather with a light breeze from the Eastward steering N.W. in the afternoon we raised a sail of our weather bow and at 4 o'clock we spouts of hump back whales of our lee bow.

March 7<sup>th</sup> Tuesday morning commences with fine and pleasant weather with a light breeze from the Eastward steering N.W. we saw the comet last night in the afternoon we saw one large sword fish and lowered down the starboard boat but did not fasten to him and at 4 o'clock we saw Black fish spouting but did not lower for them we saw one more sword fish and lowered down the larboard boat but did not fasten with have fine weather Latitude 15° 30' S.

March 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering N.W. we are bound of shore ground to cruise for whales we saw plenty of porpoise in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same from the Eastward it is cloudy weather and very warm here we have saw no sperm whales since we left Talcahuana we have plenty of hump back whales Latitude 15° 24' S.

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March 9<sup>th</sup> 1843 Thursday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering N.W. we saw a fin back whale and some grampus in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same we altered our course steering N.W. not far from land.

March 10<sup>th</sup> Friday morning commences with light breeze from the Eastward steering N.W. by W. we saw a large sword fish and lowered down the larboard boat and gave him a chase but did not fasten we set the main sail and sparker gaff top sail and got in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same we caught 8 Dolphins we fished the main sail and sparker.

March 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering N.W. by W. we watch very making water for a span boat In the afternoon the wind still blowing the same at 4 o'clock we raised a school of black fish and lowered down the boats and the larboard boat fastened and killed one of them and the iron came out and he sunk Latitude 16° 21' S.

March 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning commences with fine and pleasant weather with a light breeze from the Eastward steering N.W. by W. we saw one school of porpoise in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same at 4 o'clock we raised a fin back whale of our lee bow and at 5 o'clock we saw another fin back whale Latitude 16° 30' S. with the comet still in sight.