

Journal for the Barque Hector

March 12th Tuesday morning commences with fine and pleasant weather with a light breeze from S.E. steering N.W. by N. In the afternoon the wind still blowing the same we saw one school of black fish and one school of porpoise the comet still in sight every evening Latitude 8 - 32 - S.

March 14th Tuesday morning commences with fine and pleasant weather it is calm we caught one large Dolphin we employed caulking the forecattle were it leaks and making mats for the spare boats. In the afternoon we raised a large school of black fish off our starboard bow and we lowered down the boats and the starboard boat got one and we hove him in and cut him up last night we saw a merchant brig she went across our bow but we did not speak her Latitude 9 - 36 - S.

March 15th Wednesday morning commences with fine weather and calm we busy mending the blubber and trying it out we saw a fin back whale in the afternoon the crew sprung up some we saw one school of Black fish and few backs shooting Latitude 9 - 9 - S.

March 16th Thursday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering S.E. by E. for the calapagan in the afternoon we raised a school of black fish off our starboard quarter and we made ship and kept off for them we soon came up with them and we lowered down the boats and gave them a chase for a while but did not fasten to any and we came on board Latitude 6 - 9 - S.

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March 17th Friday morning commences with a light breeze from S.E. steering S.E. by E. at 12 o'clock we raised a large school of porpoise we lowered down the boats and went down to them and then came on board at 1 o'clock we raised a school of black fish and lowered down the boats and the starboard boat and the starboard boat got one and we saved them we cut them up and kept the ship on her course.

March 18th Saturday morning commences with a strong breeze from S.E. steering S.E. by E. we saw plenty of fin back whales shooting we are busy employed trying out the black fish blubber in the afternoon we finished trying out and broke out for water we saw whales a breaching to windward of us and the day Latitude 17 - 4 - S.

March 19th Sunday morning commences with light wind from S.E. steering S.E. by E. we saw two fin back and 2 schools of porpoise in the afternoon very warm and calm we saw some more fin back and shooting Latitude 20 - 4 - S. with the comet still in sight every evening.

March 20th Monday morning commences with a fine breeze from the S.E. we are now steering N.N.W. we raised one of the Callipagos called Charles Island we steering for it we made all sail on the ship in the afternoon we raised a sail close under the land and we landed some the starboard boat and went on board and she proved to be the ship Corinthian of Bristol N.S. we started to go on board of our ship about 5 o'clock and lost her we were obliged stay out in the open boat all night about 10 miles from land.