

Journal for the Barque Hector

March 21st 1843 Tuesday morning commenced with a light breeze from the S.E. we waited for the light and then we pulled in for the land which was about 30 miles off from us we could not see the ship until we came close under the land and then we raised her about 8 miles off standing in for the land we got on board at Horkick and then we went in under the land and came to anchor close to the ship corithian and the captain went on shore to see if he could get any pork and sweet potatoes and so ends the day

March 22nd Wednesday morning commenced with fine and pleasant weather here at anchor we sent some water carts on shore to get water starboard boats boats crew went on liberty and the captain took the waist boat and went a fishing and he caught some fine ones and we went to work and cleaned them and salted them down and then the captain went on shore to buy some sweet potatoes and pork and beef and we loosed the sails and dried them and furled them again so ends the day

March 23rd Thursday morning commenced with fine and pleasant weather still in port waiting for water this morning about day light we parted our cable and chain and lost about 18 fathoms of chain and anchor we drifted some and then we let go our starboard anchor we caught plenty of fish along side we gave the captain of the convention

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March 24th Friday morning commenced with fine and pleasant weather we went to try to sweep for the anchor that we lost but could not find it then we began to blow from the S.W. and it was for to say the waist boat and 2nd water as with the mate of the Conithian and a boat crew went to catch some turtle and have not come back yet in the afternoon the boat returned from turtling and brought on board 3 large ones and 2 small ones and the captain brought 6 Turpins and 4 fish the man that was the day

March 25th Saturday morning commenced with fine and pleasant weather we lowered down all the boats and tried to sweep for our anchor but gave it up for as the Conithian is so rocky that we were not able to get it we are busy employed getting of water and sweet potatoes and pumpkins and the shore here abound with all kind of fish in the afternoon we stowed down the water and got all the potatoes from the shore and laid the carts on deck ready for use we went on board of the Conithian last night so ends the day

March 26th Sunday morning commenced with a light breeze from the S.E. we lowered down the boats and tried to sweep for our anchor but gave it up and came on board and got breakfast and then we loosed the portboat and got and hove up the anchor and started for sea in the afternoon we saw plenty of fine black whales and seals we are close in to the other islands sailing down the shore