

Journal for the Barque Vector

March 27 Monday morning commences with fine and pleasant weather the wind blowing a light breeze from the S.E. Steering S.W. by W. bound for Lee Bay at 1 o'clock we raised 2 sails of our Lee boat and left off for them close under the land in the afternoon.

we came up with the ship and before the Barque started of New Bedford 5 months out 5 hundred barrels of sperm oil commanded by Captain Bondy and the ship's crew of fair haven we lowered down the larboard boat and the Captain went on board and the boat came back again and we filled it again starting in for the land keeping company with the ship.

March 28 Tuesday morning commences with very warm and calm with the sails still in sight of our Lee boat and land in sight in the afternoon one watch being employed setting up the foretop mast rigging and foretopgallant rigging mending the Jay with calm.

March 29 Wednesday morning commences with fine weather and calm busy employed about the rigging in the afternoon still calm and warm busy to work on the rigging with nothing in sight.

March 30 Thursday morning commences with a fine breeze from the S.E. Steering S.W. we made all sail again in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same we busy employed about the rigging we saw something but could not make it out we saw plenty of porpoise.

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March 31 Friday morning commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. Steering S.W. for the off shore ground to cruise for whales in the afternoon the wind still the same we saw a sulphur bottom close to the ship.

April 1 Saturday morning commences with a fine breeze from the S.E. Steering S.W. one watch being employed to work on the rigging in the afternoon the wind still the same with nothing in sight so ends the day.

April 2 Sunday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.E. Steering S.W. we saw something to windward of us but could not make it out in the afternoon the wind still the same.

April 3 Monday morning commences with wind blowing from the south Steering S.W. by W. accompanied with rain in the afternoon the wind began to blow harder at 5 o'clock we furled the main sail and main top gallant sail and spunked we saw 3 fair back whales.

April 4 Tuesday morning commences with a fine breeze from the south Steering S.W. by W. we made all sail again bound for Japan to cruise for whales this afternoon it came on squally from the south at 6 o'clock we shortened sail.

April 5 Wednesday morning commences with strong breezes from the S.E. Steering S.W. we set the maintopgallant sail we saw a back of a whale in the afternoon the wind still blowing the same we took 2 dups in the maintop sail and one in the foretop sail and furlled the maintopgallant sail.