

Journal for the Barque Hector

April 17 1843 Monday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.E. steering W.N.W. We raised a spout of our weather beam and before the ship up but did not on it again we went the fore sail to mud in the afternoon we beat the fore sail again we saw a fin back whale

April 18 Tuesday morning commences with a light breeze from the N.E. steering W. by N. in the afternoon the wind still the same we saw plenty of fin back whales Latitude 1-30 N.

April 19 Wednesday morning commences with a fresh breeze from the S.E. steering W. by S. we set the main sail and give one watch employed on the rigging in the afternoon we saw a spout of a fin back whale with nothing else in sight

April 20 Thursday morning commences with a light breeze from the N.W. we are beating to windward we saw one school of porpoises we have rain now plenty in the afternoon the wind still the same accompanied with rain and wind for us

April 21 Friday morning commences with a calm and pleasant we made all sail in the afternoon we set the fore topmast steering sail and furled the mainsail and give with no whale in sight

April 22 Saturday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.E. steering W.N.W. in the afternoon the wind died away calm accompanied with squalls of rain we saw some porpoises with no whale in sight Latitude 4-0 N. Longitude 129-45 W.

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April 23 1843 Sunday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.E. steering W.N.W. in the afternoon the wind shifted around to the Southward and began to rain very hard and we caught plenty of water to wash with Latitude 4-0 N.

April 24 Monday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.E. steering N.W. we saw some porpoises in the afternoon the weather still calm about 2 o'clock we raised a school of black fish and lowered down the boats and the starboard boat got one and fetch him on board and cut him up Latitude 4-30 N.

April 25 Tuesday morning commences with a calm and squall of rain from all quarters we are busy employed trying out Black fish blubber in the afternoon the weather still calm and very warm with no whale in sight Latitude 5-20 N.

April 26 Wednesday morning commences with the wind from the N.E. we have not got in the trades steering N.N.E. we made all sail in the afternoon the wind still the same we furled the mainsail and ended the day Latitude 5-30 N.

April 27 Thursday morning commences with a light breeze from the N.E. steering N.W. by W. in the afternoon the wind blowing fresh bound for the Sandwich Islands we have not seen any porpoises this side of Cape Horn yet Latitude 6-30 N.

April 28 Friday morning commences with a strong breeze from the S.E. steering W.N.W. in the afternoon the wind still the same blowing fresh bound for Sandwich Island Latitude 7-30 N.