

Journal for the Barque Hector

May 30 1843 Tuesday morning commences with a strong breeze from the westward accompanied with squalls of rain steering by the wind we furl the mainsail and gill and reef the fore and maintopsails in the afternoon the weather still the same we run one furl back latitude 29-36 N.

May 31 Wednesday morning commences with a gale of wind from the S.W. Laying to under close reefed maintopsail and fore and mast staysail in the afternoon the weather still the same blowing a gale from the westward at 3 o'clock we set the fore sail to end the day latitude 30-5 N.

June 1st 1843 Thursday morning commences with a gale of wind from the S.W. accompanied with rain and at 11 o'clock we furl the fore sail in the afternoon the weather still the same with a heavy sea on

June 2nd Friday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.W. steering to the northward we at 7 o'clock this morning we raised a school of sperm whales after breakfast we lowered all the boats and the starboard got fast at 9 o'clock and was fast all day till 7 o'clock in the evening and then had to cut from him and then came on board and shortened sail latitude 30-51 N.

June 3rd Saturday morning commences with a light breeze from the westward trying to get up to windward to look for the whale we made no in the afternoon the weather calm and pleasant at 6 o'clock we reefed the topsail standing boats crews we are now on Japan cruising for whales latitude 30-29 N.

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June 4th 1843 Sunday morning commences with a light breeze from the northward steering N.W. we called all hands and made sail and at 7 o'clock we raised a school of sperm whales to windward and at 9 o'clock we lowered down the Carbois and waist boat and it began to blow so that we came on board again we took in sail and closed reefed the maintopsail and furl the fore topsail and foresail blowing a gale from the westward latitude 30-8 N.

June 5th Monday morning commences with a gale of wind from the westward we closed reefed maintopsail in the afternoon the wind still blowing a gale and a heavy sea running latitude 30-08 N.

June 6th Tuesday morning commences with the wind still blowing a gale from the westward with closed reefed maintopsail we raised a sail right ahead and in the afternoon we came up with her and spoke her she proved to be the whole ship Mountains of Montserrat latitude 30-8 N.

June 7th Wednesday morning commences with a light breeze from the N.W. steering to the southward at 5 o'clock called all hands and made sail with the ship snatched of our lee bow in the afternoon we raised another sail of our lee beam at sun down we shortened sail latitude 30-21 N.

June 8th Thursday morning commences with a light breeze from the northward steering N.W. we unhooked the foresail and mended it and at 10 o'clock we bent it again with a sail in sight of our lee bow to end the day with nothing in sight