

Journal for the Barque Hector

June 21st 1843 Wednesday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.W. steering on the wind we made sail on the ship with some fine weather in the afternoon the weather warm with a strong breeze we saw five back whales and 7 o'clock we shortened sail

June 22nd Thursday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.W. steering on the wind and cloudy weather we made sail again accompanied with squalls of rain in the afternoon we shortened sail

June 23rd Friday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.W. steering on the wind we made sail again this morning in the afternoon the fine and pleasant at 6 o'clock we raised a school of Black fish right ahead we shortened sail

June 24th Saturday morning commences with a strong breeze from the S.W. steering S.W. by E. we are to westward of the meridian on Japan in the afternoon the weather still fine and pleasant at 7 o'clock we shortened sail

June 25th Sunday morning commences with a light breeze from the Southward standing on the wind we made sail and raised a sail of our starboard quarter standing the same way we are in the afternoon we came up with the sail and spoke her and she proved to be the whaler ship *Decley Clark* of New Port B. I 30 months out of London

June 26th Monday morning commences with strong breeze from the S.W. steering to the Southward we saw the ship this morning and at 12 pm we took ship and soon left her astern in the afternoon we shortened sail

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June 27th Tuesday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.W. steering on the wind we made sail and we saw a fin back whale in the afternoon the weather fine and pleasant at 7 pm we shortened sail

June 28th Wednesday morning commences with a gale of wind from the S.W. under close sail we saw a whale breaching to windward in the afternoon the weather still the same

June 29th Thursday morning commences with a gale of wind from the Southward standing to the north we raised a sail right ahead and we soon came up to her but did not speak her till she was under close reefed maintop sail and stayed she proved to be an English whaler in the afternoon it became squally so that we pulled the foresail and close reefed the maintop sail at 6 pm the wind died away with the sail still in sight of our lee beam about 4 miles off

June 30th Friday morning commences with a strong breeze from the S.W. steering to the westward at 6 o'clock we raised a school of sperm whales of our lee beam and kept off for them and the ship Pacific kept off the same time and we lowered down the boats and chased them for a short time and then came on board in the afternoon at 12 pm we raised them again and the Pacific lowered down her boats but did not partur and the Captain went on board of the Pacific and staid all the afternoon and came on board and we shortened sail for the night