

Journal for the *Borgue Hector*

July 1st 1853 Saturday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering to the Westward we saw one fin back with the ship still in company with us in the afternoon we halved close on the wind and the ship came down to us and the Captain came on board of us and staid till after dark and then went on board again we shortened sail and kept her to the Westward

July 2nd Sunday morning commences with a light breeze from Eastward steering N.W. with plenty of bluen we caught two barrels and salted them in made sail in the afternoon we shortened sail for the night

July 3rd Monday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering N.W. we saw plenty of fin backs in the afternoon we wore ship standing to the Southward we shortened sail for the night

July 4th Tuesday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering to the Southward we raised a sail of our lee bow standing to to the Southward in the afternoon we fasten to a large bell fish but the iron drained out the Captain caught two barrels of albacores and salted them down we see plenty of fin back whales and porpoises we shortened sail for the night

July 5th Wednesday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering to the Southward with all sail on we catch plenty fish in the afternoon we saw plenty of fin backs but no sperm whales we shortened sail for the night

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July 6th Thursday morning commences with light breeze from the Eastward steering to Southward with all sail set in the afternoon we saw a large turtle and covered down the starboard boat and got him at 7 pm we shortened sail for the night

July 7th Friday morning commences with a light breeze from the Southward steering to the Westward at 7 pm we raised a sail of our lee beam she is Boiling out in the afternoon the weather still the same we shortened sail for the night

July 8th Saturday morning commences with light breeze from the S.E. steering to Southward and Eastward with all sail the Captain being catching fish in the afternoon we saw plenty of porpoises and fin backs

July 9th Sunday morning commences with light breeze from the Eastward steering to the Northward with all sail we see plenty of fin backs in the afternoon the weather fine and pleasant we shortened sail for the night

July 10th Monday morning commences with a light breeze from the S.W. steering to the Eastward with all sail set in the afternoon the weather thick and hazy at 7 pm we furl the main sail and main topgallant sails

July 11th Tuesday morning commences with a light breeze from the Southward steering S. with all sail we are busy catching and salting fish in the afternoon the weather fine and pleasant we are leaving down to the Christmas. Kads we are leaving Japan Latitude 30-55 N.