

Journal of the Barque Hector

July 13th 1843 Wednesday morning commences with a light breeze from the Southward steering to the Eastward with all sail in the afternoon calm and pleasant we hoisted up the main sail and hauled down the gill at 7 pm we shortened sail for the night Latitude

July 13th Thursday morning commences with light breeze from the Eastward steering to the Southward with all sail in the afternoon we caught plenty of fish and salted them at 7 pm we shortened sail for the night Latitude 30-34 N

July 14th Friday morning commences with light breeze from the Eastward steering to the Southward with all sail at 6 pm we raised a sail of our lee bow and at 7 o'clock we kept off before the wind and we kept off likewise but did not see anything in the afternoon the weather fine and pleasant at 2 pm we came up with the sail and we spoke her she proved to be the George and Susan of New Bedford Mass 21 months out and 24 months out from Ascension with 225 Barrels the Captain went on board and the boat came back again with three chief mate

July 15th Saturday morning commences with a light breeze from the Eastward steering S.W. by W. at 8 o'clock we raised a school of sperm whales and kept the ship off for them and the ship George and Susan was keeping off for them and the Lord and her boats down and got on we did not come but followed the whales and at 1 o'clock we lowered down the boat and chased them until sun down and then came on board we did not follow Latitude 29-50 N Longitude 171-58 East

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July 16th Sunday morning commences with a fresh breeze from the Eastward steering S.E. with all sail. It was with the ship in sight trying out and cutting in a northern whale we raised a school of whales off in the morning and we kept off for them they proved to be four barrels in the afternoon we saw a fine and pleasant at 6 pm we saw a boat coming to windward the Captain off the George and Susan came on board and took supper and the next day at 10 o'clock Latitude 29-32 N

July 17th Monday morning commences with strong breeze from the Eastward steering on the wind it came on a squally day with rain so that we had to take in sail in the afternoon the weather still the same we saw plenty of fin backs at 7 pm we shortened sail for the night Latitude

July 18th Tuesday morning commences with strong wind from the Eastward steering on the wind at 10 pm we raised a sail of our weather bow in the afternoon we another sail of our lee beam Latitude today 29-32 N

July 18th Wednesday morning commences with strong winds from the Eastward steering to the Southward at 6 pm we raised a sail of our lee beam in the afternoon the weather still the same with the sail still in sight at 6 pm we kept off for her and spoke her she proved to be the whale ship L. V. Richardson off New Bedford 85 months out of New Bedford Mass the Captain went on board and staid till sun down and then came on board and shortened sail steering S.W. by E with the wind from the Eastward Latitude 28-41 N