

Journal of the *Barque Hector*

August 4th 1843 Friday morning commenced with a light breeze from the Southward steering to the Southward and Westward all hands being employed cutting in the whale and finished at six o'clock in the afternoon having cut up the head and tying out with four sails in sight 3 of them tying out one off them is the Japan off mackerel.

August 5th Saturday morning commenced with a strong breeze from the S.W. steering to the Eastward we are busy employed tying out the Blubber standing watch and watch with two sails in sight in the afternoon we finished tying out the body and began on the head at 4 p.m. we were ship headed to the Southward.

August 6th Sunday morning commenced with strong breeze from the Southward steering S.W. with 3 sails in sight and we finished tying out the fat and we blew away the decks and washed them and the Westward watch went below in the afternoon we set the gill and spoke it two fifty barrels.

August 7th Monday morning commenced with light breeze from the Southward steering to the Eastward with all sail 3 sails in sight in the afternoon the weather fine and pleasant with 3 sails in sight Latitude 30-30 N.

August 8th Tuesday morning commenced with light breeze from the S.W. steering to the Westward with all sail all hands being employed stowing down the oil we stowed down 50 barrels in the afternoon we finished and cleared up the decks with 3 sails in sight we ran down and spoke the whale ship Mountains of mackerel 14 saw the out with 3 barrels barrels the Captain went on board and staid for the evening.