

Journal of the Barque Hector

August 27 1843 Sunday morning commences with strong breezes from the Southward steering S.W. with two sails in sight we made sail and some porpoises in the afternoon the wind fell some we raised one more sail which makes 3 in sight at 7 pm we shortened sail for the night Latitude 20-28 N.

August 28 Monday morning commences with fair and pleasant with a light breeze from the Southward steering to the Eastward we made all sail we raised a school off Black fish and down the two boats. One pulled up to them and they proved to be turtles in the afternoon we ship and soon came up with a sail and spoke her she proved to be the Spanish Robert son of Newberford 22 months out 8 hundred and then we talked ship.

August 29 Tuesday morning commences with pleasant weather and a fair breeze from the Eastward steering N.N.E. with two sails in close in sight being employed breaking out for water and setting them up in the afternoon the weather looks squally we saw some porpoises and fin backs at 7 pm we shortened sail.

August 30 Wednesday morning commences with strong breeze from the Eastward and wind shifts and set the foretop sail and main sail we saw plenty off fin backs in the afternoon the weather cloudy and windy at 7 pm we shortened sail for the night Latitude 30-28.

August 31 Thursday morning commences with light breeze from Eastward steering to the Southward with all sail the Cooper being setting up. Spoke south 2 sails in sight in the afternoon we spoke the whale ship Abashnut of fair haven 32 months out 90 Captain Pease.

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Sept 1st 1843 Friday morning commences with strong breeze from the Eastward steering N.N.E. we pulled the main top gallant sail in the afternoon the still breeze at 7 pm we shortened sail Latitude 39-100 S.

Sept 2nd Saturday morning commences with strong breeze from the Eastward steering to N.E. by N. we set the main and top gallant sail we are busy employed making water to take fruit in and down in the afternoon the wind has away some mountain plants off fin backs around the ship Latitude 30-34 N. Longitude 177-25 West.

Sept 3rd Sunday morning commences with calm and pleasant weather with a light breeze from the Southward steering E by S. with all sail set in the afternoon the weather still fine and calm at 7 pm we shortened sail for the night we are steering E by S. toward the Sandwich Islands Latitude 31-28 N.

Sept 4th Monday morning commences with a fine breeze from the E.W. steering E.S. we made sail we being employed breaking out for water in the afternoon the weather still fine and pleasant we pulled the main sail and top and squared away bound for S.F. Latitude 21-22 N. Longitude 178.

Sept 5th Tuesday morning commences with a fine breeze from the E.W. steering E by S. we are employed firing old barrels for oil and shooting rope yarns in the afternoon the weather still fine and pleasant Latitude 31-34 N. Longitude 178 East.

Sept 6th Wednesday morning commences with light breeze from the N.W. steering E. we are busy employed mending the main sail in the afternoon we finished and bent it again it is very hot we saw some porpoises Latitude 31-15 N. Longitude 171-25.