

Journal of the Barque Hector

Sept 29 1842 Friday morning commences with a strong wind from the N.E. steering S.E. & accomplishing with squalls of rain we raised a sail of our weather quarter and our son went out of sight in the afternoon the weather still rough and squally with a sail in sight Latitude 24° 55' N Longitude 158° 30'

Sept 30 Saturday morning commences with the wind blowing strong from the N.E. steering S.E. with a sail in sight in the afternoon the weather still the same and drenched Latitude 25° 52' N Longitude 158° 6'

Sept 1st 1843 Sunday morning commences with a strong breeze from the N.E. steering S.E. we raised the mainmast of the mainmast & then we are to the windward sailing along the coast close in to the land. Land for now with a sail in sight in the afternoon we had some heavy squalls of wind and some came up with waves and we passed the sail and the wind blows hard so we had to reef the topsails we are bound for Papeete we furl the gill Latitude 31° 27' north

Oct 2nd Monday morning commences with strong breeze from the Eastward steering for Papeete we furl the maintopgallant sail and reef the topsails with waves close in sight and the other islands in the afternoon the wind freshens to a gale from the N.E. so that we had to furl the gill and reef the main topsail with waves close in sight we soon come up with it land of all night till morning and then we stand on

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Oct 3rd Tuesday morning commences with light breeze of the land steering for the harbor in the afternoon we get on and anchor close along side of the whole ship commencing Perry of Lynn of Massachusetts out 11 hundred eight whole we have plenty of the natives on board trading for fish in plenty of fruit

Oct 4th Wednesday morning commences with light breeze from the land staying at anchor the starboard watch went on shore and liberty the Captain is busy trading for fruit and other provisions we got some goats and dogs in the afternoon the Captain went on shore for wood it is very hot here

Oct 5th Thursday morning commences with light breeze of the land staying in to port the Captain is busy trading for fruit and other provisions the Captain of the Pacific is on board his ship coming in to port & stays very long here

Oct 6th Friday morning commences with fair weather with a land in sight coming in the is the Pacific St John N.B. the Captain is busy trading for fruit & remains long staying ship we watch on shore

Oct 7th Saturday morning fine and pleasant we are busy employed painting the ship with one watch on shore and one watch on shore

Oct 8th Sunday morning fine and pleasant with a cool sea breeze on watch on shore in the afternoon part of the other watch went to church to the Missionary