



May 10th — arrived at Greenock, and found the ship
in a state of confusion consequent on the
arrival of the passengers, and the stow-
ing of luggage and goods. Nothing of
importance happened today.

11th — Not drawn out yet from the Victoria
quay, and going about Greenock doing
nothing. The ship tugged out this
evening. But got a ground at the
end of the quay. Tremendous cheers
given to the passengers from the
people on the wharf. Slept on
board this night, and considering
the confusion prevailing, slept com-
fortably and soundly.

12th — Brought on board today by the tail of the
Bank, and had the emigration agent
inspecting the ship, the provisions and
water, inspected the passengers, and en-
quired how much money each of them
had; had some amusement today with
those stowaways. Those Determination of
getting to Australia and the diggings
determined them to put them ^{down} in
the coal hole. The poor fellows looking
sadly disappointed when brought to the
gunway, and bundled ashore.

13th Waiting impatiently at the tail of the Bank to Be off. an number of the Seamen wanted yet. and the Captains utmost efforts cannot procure the full Complement of hands. The reasons assigned for this is that the owners will give no months advance. Was much taken with an exhortation given to passengers by the Chaplain of the Sailors home in Greenock. an old seaman who left us accompanied with deafening cheers. Greenock maintains its wonted celebrity for rain. for ever since we came, it has with ^{out} exception rained incessantly.

14th a great uproar on Board today caused by ten of the crew striking of work. the Ring leader of the Squad. a monkey faced gentleman. with a deal of the Monkeys Nature in him. complained of ~~the~~ having broken of able Bodied Seamen on Board. and refused to go to his duty untill all the number mentioned in the articles were provided. for his temerity and obstinacy. he received as a recompence of reward. the wretched Paisley jail. four of his accomplices returned to their duty.

15th Supplied with a new set of Sailors, and everything now. for proceeding to sea. But detained with contrary winds, cannot obtain liberty from any of the officers to go ashore. Much umbrage occasioned by them. from all the passengers for their strictness. Darning incessantly here. and nothing in the shape of pleasure or amusement can be carried on. on deck. The time passes heavily on our hands. and would pass still heavier if we had my Books. But luckily all of us in the second Cabin. are supplied with a choice selection of Books. today we are arranged into messes of eight and six. and served out with our ratio of provision liberal enough we all hope. With the exception of the Water, a commodity all of us prize very much and take as much care of it. as a Miser would do of his Money. our messes are conducted by J. M. Colquhoun, who has to superintend the cooking and distributing of everything for a week. all of us severally. come in for a week of it.

16th. first Sunday on Board of the Hudson
 " and passing the time in this harbour
 in a state of idleness and impatience
 indescribable. Had the Chaplain on
 Board at 11 o'clock and preached
 us, a very Pathetic discourse, all
 listened with the greatest attention.
 Two of our Sailors ashore by day and
 cannot be found, cannot go to sea
 in consequence, the weather stormy
 and wet. The Wind right ahead
 of us and Blowing from S. W.

X 17th - to day is momentous in the history
 of the journal. The passengers picked
 up a row for their coffee. it finally
 settled to the satisfaction of all parties.
 By Captain Paterson and the emigration
 agent. Captain Paterson much put
 about by it and blaming the
 doctor for speaking about so trifling
 a thing to the emigration agent.
 Left Greenock and proceeded to sea
 this evening. the scenery along the
 Clyde beautiful. all the passengers
 in good spirits and sanguine enough
 of a speedy voyage. going along
 at present with a fair Wind

18th. Running along at a rattling rate, the
 Wind Blowing E. N. E. and all the sails
 crowded on the ship. all the passengers
 in good spirits, expecting to be at Madras
 in six or seven days if the Wind
 continues as it is. The Captain must-
 ered us all this morning and read
 to us the emigrants regulations on Board
 ship. advised us to observe punct-
 ually all the rules. the least infringement
 on any of them to be punished by the
 Committee of each cabin. or in case the
 Committee cannot do it, the Captain to
 be appealed to. The Captain said that
 he thought a more respectable class
 of emigrants never left Scotland. said
 he would indulge them as much as he
 could if they were obedient to the regul-
 ations, and vice versa, if they did not
 observe ^{them}, fighting to be punished by the
 parties being put in irons. the passen-
 gers much pleased with the Captains
 mode of punishing fighting, and all
 think that we will have a speedy
 passage. Some of the passengers were
 sick, especially the ladies and
 children

19th. Blowing right afters. The wind
still N.E. and Blowing a stiff Breeze
out of sight of land all day. But
passing vessels constantly, carried
away a studying sail Boom. Much
amused with the passengers, the
majority of whom are sea sick, and
suffering dreadfully from its effects.

20th Passed along for today, and made
a signal, when with the ship's name
on it. He appeared to take no notice
of it. felt no sickness yet, the Doctor
very sick and could not come on
deck all day. felt the time exceedingly
long, and having nothing to do
exceptes it being very heavy on my
hands. Much of my time passed
in walking on Deck, reading, and
eating. My messmates enjoying them-
selves in playing cards and sing-
ing, one of the sailors sick since we
left Greenock and unable to attend
his duty his complaint not known
to me. But from surmises I heard his
is a venereal, He would still continue
fair and running along cheerily
and rapidly.

2^d Saw a great many small whales to day. Swimming in a straight line. Wind light, and variable. Passed the Bay of Biscay today. Mr O'Donnell one of my messmates very sick, and scarcely able to walk, lost a Pin of Brandy. Boy laying a wager to Mr Spalding. when we left Greenwich that he would be sea sick before we were four days at sea. Saw a schooner. The delay of Michael in ward Bound Port did not speak. we saw something floating past the ship today which we supposed to be two Trunks lashed together. threw an empty Bottle over board. with a letter in it with names and the latitude and longitude. Saw a shark today also.

Also "
22. Getting into warm weather now. Today
very warm. The sun very hot. Pained
abdomen today. The Mary Ismay, of Mary
Port outward Bound. The wind has
entirely failed us. and the sails are
flapping against the masts. The
passengers have got over the sea
sickness now.

23rd. First Sunday at sea. Prayers read twice from the Church of England Prayer Book By the Captain, and a sermon By the Doctor. Wind light today. Spoke to the Barque, Islander of London, for Barbadoes, fifteen days from the Downs, and thirty days from London. Cannot obtain the longitude or latitude so cannot know, how near we may Be to Madeira. The passengers all healthy and in good spirits yet. Saw a great many fish today. Whales & porpoises —

24th. The Wind freshened today, and our speed greater in consequence, had some sport today with some dolphins playing in large numbers round the ship, our Blacklook harpooned two of them. But the harpoon being too small, lost his hold of the fish. great sensation caused on Board by them, and considering the dull and unvaried routine of life at sea, anything however trivial is a source of great amusement and amusement to us. Saw no vessels today —

25. I met with a sad accident today having nearly dislocated my left Shoulder, By falling on the deck while walking to the ~~cap~~ Cabin, feel a great pain in it. Spoke to our surgeon, and having examined he later to the injury sustained, having given his opinion that no Bones are Broken, But the arm sustained a great Bruise. Much swollen, and unable to stir it. Much amusement given to the passengers this evening. By the juggling and singing talents of a Mr Baylor. an actor (a clown), from Glasgow who is going to Sydney to put his talents in requisition among the wild diggers. could not enjoy any of the fun going on, and suffering the most excruciating pains.

26th. Today threw my arm in a sling, the Sun very hot and warm, expect spoke at Madeira in two days. Spoke the Barque Neptune, from Glasgow for Madras, fourteen days out before us. Complained very much of contrary winds, and bad weather, a pig killed on Board today, a deputation of the sailors went to the Captain

Today, requesting him to mitigate or shorten their working hours, did not hear the reply. But guess it to be favourable to them. a great deal of card playing and evence gambling. (that is playing for silences) going on in the second. Never join many of it, and I neither inclined nor qualified to play cards. do not for any means regret my ignorance of it, and plainly see the pernicious effects of it —

27th Still suffering great pain in my shoulder and scarcely able to stir the arm. had some oil & from the doctor to rub it with, had some pastime today with sailors songs, Bonny Highland laddie &c. humming along with the wind. N.E., and expect to be in the trades in a day or two. Terra motus has quite recovered from sea sickness and am greatly indebted to him for Brooks &c. &c. reading constantly, and sleeping some time two into three hours a day, longing very much to get a sight of land. and as I have nothing. But dancing & singing occasionally and reading to relieve the

edium of the voyage. The days appears as weeks, one consolation remains for me and that is that in a few weeks, I may expect a sight of terra firma and in a few months the golden regions

28th, on latitude 34 Degrees N. today at 12 o'clock, and in deg. North of Madeira. The wind as usual N.E. and very hot weather. cannot sleep as usual from the extreme heat of my berth, and always feel an oppressive closeness, and drowsy from the state of inactivity and idleness I am placed in. had some sport today, with a Bravery Brood Scitchonow, who had preceded waffer blows to one of the sea cabin passengers, for a tin which he almost none was his own, and held in opposition to every one of our own unanimously identified it. the dispute finally settled. By the fellows in being found in his own berth, and a sharp reprimand given him. Saw no vessels. yet today. Nor land, and look anxiously for the latter —

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29th. The following small piece of Satire
was composed on the Kidston By one
of the Sec^d Cabin Passengers. —

Oh I ever will regret the day,
When the devil led me astray,
My five and twenty pounds to pay,
For a Berth in the H^c Kidston.

Lord take me from this filthy den,
From Scurvy mates & green Seamen,
And save me from the like again,
And from the H^c Kidston.

I ^{little} hope and no relief,
Am fairly Sick with care & grief,
And poisoned with the damⁿ salt Beef,
That's served us by the Kidston.

Some say its leather, others worse,
All scarce its some old glandered horse,
And give it now my hearty curse,
And with it to the H^c Kidston.

Gov. patience could not take it coolly,
He scarce & damⁿ himself out fully,
And send to Hell, their Soup & Boullie,
Before the H^c Kidston.

No more I need not say of grub,
Times better fed out of a tub,
And then they have no plates to Rub,
On When dining on the Kidston.

We are always carrying coffee ~~pan~~ cans,
Or sweeping floors or cleaning pans,
Or washing Praties with our hands
On Board the H^c Kidston.

The Cook hot water cannot afford,
His fellows necks made for the cord,
He's got as proud as mate or hord,
That orders on the Kidston.

The Windows in the rain doth let,
My Berth at morning is as wet.
No army Boiled Potatoe net,
In the Gallery of the Kidston.

Our knives and tins and pans all go,
By Gents who fine Mustashoes grow,
And style themselves Grab nab & Co*
The Pilferers of the Kidston.

We oftner see the knife & fork
Stuck in a piece of fat salt Pork

When ~~has~~ the screw draw on the lock,
on Board the H & Kidston,

Oh, Intermediate curse the hour,
Thine vessel got you in its power,
Well may you now look grim & sour,
You're Bitten by the Kidston,

When first our feet tread on the shores,
Will bid farewell to fork and bones,
And will give three hearty groans,
All for the H & Kidston,

Let others sing their songs of praise,
And Publican lies themselves to raise
Aboard the evils forth all blame
That's suffered in the Kidston

To shut your lying hab; Barlow†
With the Intermediate you're no go.
So says starvation death & Co
The victims of the Kidston,

* Note, Don't eat out of the commoner of the
Second Cabin passengers who are
cultivating Mustard seeds

† Barlow, along was made by him praising
the H & Kidston and the officers

• Nickname of another party of the passengers

Saw a number of strange looking fish today
called Portuguese Men of War, complaints
made By the Steerage passengers this even-
ing, about the pressure of heat in their
apartments, wishing more air holes, and
better ventilation.

30th Sunday. No wind and hot weather.

Rows in the intermediate about Brandy,
a few of them pilfered from one of
the passengers, and some other tricks
which was played, a case of small
pox on Board, in the Steerage, and a
great fear entertained of its spread-
ing, another case of whooping Cough
or measles. Many vessels in sight
today, but scarcely moving, many
complaints made By us for better
Bread. The quality we get being such
and, and hardly eatable. The Sabbath
kept in manner that does credit
to the passengers, prayer meetings
being performed regularly, and does
remind us of home and the Sabbath
although on the deep and far from
places of divine service. Passed
Madeira today, did not get in to
the trades yet

31st. My arm getting better every day, and have
dispensed with the sling. But cannot
use it yet. The pain and the loneliness of
the voyage makes things in some
manner to me, and certainly disagreeable.
Was disagreeably amused today by
an application made by a Robert M.
Deane of the Steerage Passengers, a young
man. whose appearance is apparently
good. But simply one wanting in that
penetration and firmness, which constitutes
a bad Pluck. for the Butlership of
the Second Cabin, an office the Sec^d
Cabin Passengers has not even the right
to arrogate to themselves. Mines & or
anything of Butlers Craft never used in
this department. the poor fellows
application was treated apparently
with the greatest consideration and
was told to call after tea. when
information was given to all the
passengers. of the fun in anticipation
and what the poor fellow called.
and was voted by a majority and
duly installed into the office. it may
then that he saw by the bursts
of laughter here and there from all

the passengers that he was housed. Thoms
Blows briskly and we are fairly in the
North East Trades
June 1st. had all the passengers trunks and lugg-
age on deck today. every passenger taking
as much clothing &c. out of his trunks as
would do him until our arrival at
St Philip. And a letter from the Merchant
Wm came on Board on the 12th ult.
at Greenock. and through some accident
or carelessness on his part did not give
it till today. in latitude 28 Deg. S.
No other cases of small pox on Board
yet. and much of our fears are allayed
with the hope that no case will
be on Board. But the one doubt
existing among the passengers. that
it is the small pox. But at all events
heard the Doctor saying it was the
small pox. ^{some} the Sec Cabin Passengers
treats scurvily today by the Cook
who refused them the allotted quantity
of water for their coffee. alledging
as an excuse that the water was
stolen during the night from him
nothing of any importance going
on

June 2nd. In latitude 26 deg 4. Today with
" asplendid Breeze and flowing sails.
" The Second Cabin Passengers protected
from the scorching rays of the sun
By an awning spread above their
heads extending from the Mizzen Mast
to our Cabin door. Saw no vessels
to day. and expect to come until we
come to the line. The historians sailing
quantities not known to the sailors or
Passengers yet. having had no advence
since we left Chide. Now
sixteen days. Having run in that
time with light Breezes a distance of
1750 Miles. but considering her size
and Build. (which is not in any
means blipper) they are unanimous
in praising her. if the wind was
strong we would have run the
above distance in 9 or 10 Days.
had some dancing on Deck this
evening and for the first time since
my arm was bruised did join
in it. some much refreshed By
it. having had no exercise since
we left. dancing approved as a health
recreation

3rd. In latitude 23 deg 55. Today one of the
Pigs found dead to day. having died from
the want of proper ventilation. in company
with a little Pig. and apparently
going on the same course with ourselves
cannot find out her name or destination
guess her to be american. and perhaps
bound to Australia like ourselves. The boat
running at a stemming rate to day. ex-
cept to the ~~at Madeira~~ the Line in 80
or 14 days. had some amusement with
a young Norraway. who did not discover
himself until we were two days at
sea. the young man. By Birth is
a Highlander. and ~~was~~ made to work
his way out since no opportunity pre-
sented to put him ashore. today he
for the first went up aloft. and
the mate. followed him and bound
him hand and foot. There is a custom I believe on
ship Board. for greenhorns. for a
couple of hours. to the to small amuse-
ment of the passengers, and the
poor fellows Chagrin and the stiffen-
ing of his limbs. will be in the tropics
this evening —

4th Latitude 21 Deg. Saw a great many
of flying fish today. a sailor put in
irons today for disobedience to the officers
and refusing to work. he remained in irons
unless repentant during the whole
voyage, and if ~~that~~ refractory to pull
my sail and severely punished ashore.
The punishment in this case, and in
my humble opinion far greater than
the offence, unless fresh Breeze or wind
today blowing as usual from the N.E.
the Kidston giving us great hopes of
a speedy and safe passage. expect
to be at Port Philip in less than three
months. Signalized a fine Barque
this morning But enquired nothing out
her destination or where she belonged
to.

5th. The sailor liberated today, having repen-
ted or at the persuasion of some of
his shipmates returned to his duty.
Saw a great shoal or school of
small whales today. upwards I dare
say of a thousand. Some of them
pumping right out of the water, and
all of them going in the teeth of
the wind.

6th. Poyzen as usual and was today. the
same monotonous life. with scarcely
anything to vary the scene. the funds
of frolic and fun now almost exhaus-
ted. and when we come to the Cape of
good hope just in the dead of winter
there. We anticipate nothing but
discrepancies. today in latitude 15 deg.
45. N. with a light Breeze. Most
singular it is that every Sabbath we
had since we came today. is calm
and scarcely any wind. no matter
how brisk the other days of the
week is. will be at the line we
trust in 8 or 9 days. I am very
glad for that. as the heat is now
most intense and perspire fear-
fully. the weather agrees with
us Scotchmen much better than
warm. the fresh water getting very
bad and in a stinking state now.
But will regain its old taste as
we get into cold weather. By
what process this is accomplished
I cannot say. Passed three vessels
today. But did not speak to
them.

7th " Latitude 13 Deg. 36. N. Wind light.
" The water today in a rotten state.
" Tobacco Smoking substituted for
" Bath. This leading the Gambling
Volaries from one step to another
untill finally some of them will
Be pretty well shorn of their hair
a good Beginning this for them
and pretends I am thinking some
thing very serious, at all
events if this passion is fed and
fostered when we land in
Australia some result which I
doubt will infallibly happen
to a score of them. Gambling in
my opinion one of the most
low and detestable of vices, and
its accompaniments. in nine cases
of ten, Starvation and Misery.
and Suicide. My arm getting quite
Well. But still very stiff, and
cannot use it with the same free-
dom as formerly. Some of our
men are I am perswaded getting home
sick, at any rate the contrast
between this and home comforts will
make some of us feel the differ

- once, " 8th " a sort of Tumult in the intermediate
today occasioned by our Sea Being
in a greasy state and unfit for
drinking the Cook having carelessly
forgotten to wash out his Coppers.
Much dissatisfaction shown by all of
us to him and a specimen of the qual-
ity shown the Captain, who never
as much as disapproved of it. cannot
find out the latitude today. But
suppose we are in about 10 deg.
of the North east trades continue four
or five days longer we will Be at
the equator. Saw three Ships today
who all passed us. The Wind as usual
light, and occasionally Breezy. Suffer
intensely from the extreme heat. have
now a constant pour of perspira-
tion covering my Body, and feeling
very uncomfortable in consequence
one of the intermediate passengers
James M. Drake hurt his leg seriously
by tumbling down the steps. has
applied a dressing, and is recover-
ing gradually. The injury however
not dangerous,

9th in Latitude 8 Deg. 47. an Intermediate
passenger Bit by ~~one~~ dog. has intimated
that owing to the heat of the hydrophobia
in will follow. the dog Belonged to one
of the Cabin passengers who threatened
to put a bullet in any one who would
attempt to injure or throw overboard
the dog. the intermediate resolute and
determined to put an end to the obnoxious
animal. Saw a great many dolphins
today in chase of the flying fish. and
much amusement given us by seeing
how adroitly they threw themselves
out of the water to catch their prey.
No cases of sickness on Board. The
case of small pox mentioned turned
out to be amiss. at least no
symptoms of it is visible as yet on
the patient said to be affected. Met
today with what appeared to be
the end of the N.E. trades. But what
turned out to be nothing But two Tides
Meeting; guess we are near the end
of the Trades. and may have a deal of
fine past before we get into the
S.E. Trades. had a few showers of
rain.

10th. The dog muzzled and tied up, a shark
caught today. measuring about 5
feet long. the animal with the gluttony
natural to it having ^{made} desperate paths
wrestle the hook without swallowing
the hook. But failing in this. and rather
than lose the meat. swallowed all. and
was brought on Board in spite of
his efforts to cut the line his sail being
speedily cut off. his pith was gone.
he was flayed. and the fish tasted
when well Boiled well enough.
at any rate the sailors. and some of
passengers fared sumptuously on it.
had a raffle on Board this evening
of a Meerschaum pipe. the property
of Barlow. the actor. the Docty was
the winner. a concert on a grand
scale was afterwards given by
Barlow which came off with great
clat. and applause. the Business
ended with dancing. which could
not be carried out in consequence
of a shower of Rain. and then came
on the spirits. a sum of fourteen shillings
having been set apart for that
purpose

11th Near the equator But cannot find out
the Degree, tremendous showers of rain
this morning. With occasional squalls
and alternate calms and breezes, has
some punishments of water from the sea,
and Subs. of the rain, and could not
stand on Deck for ten minutes with-
out being drenched to the skin, the
water exceedingly warm and pleas-
ant. all the passengers wishing to
day, very amusing to have seen with
spirit, zest and zeal they fought
for the water. every one striving to
have the most, a Bonnettoe harpizone,
By the first Mate today. The fish
in size and colour, resembling the
Mackerel. But much inferior to it
in quality, and sweetness, a great
deal of impatience and disquietude
manifested by the passengers. at
the calms which prevail near
the line, as it invariably does, and
the majority are horrified at the
idea of spending three or four weeks
of precious time before we come
to the South East Trades, which
bring us to the Cape of good

Hope.

12th Not a Breeze or Wind stirring to
day, and lying like a log, quite motion-
less on the sea. The heat intense
and burning, saw a ship today
apparently homeward bound
but did not signalize her, looking
anxiously for a ship homeward. to carry
letters from us, all to our friends at
home, nothing of any interest or
importance going on. and for want
of news. the journal is minus, a great
many incidents of sea life, such
as a Gale, a large Squal, or a Squall
by ship. would invariably furnish
and a job in grating out my
state of mind today. could only
try shut with perspiration, dry
neck of Catering coming in next
week. Great Boon I consider, as
anything to relieve the tedium of
calm weather. and the dreariness
of this sea life. is a Boon, John O
Connell in my berth put out of our
dress today. the Cause unknown
to me. But suppose it to be non
compliance to orders.

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Sunday, prayers and sermons read
 us as usual, no wind but plenty
 of lightning and thunder, in latitude
 7 degrees 35' N. at 12 o'clock today,
 having run only a few miles for some
 days. Saw no ships today, rained
 abundantly previous and after the
 thunder. But did not fill us many
 vessels with it as we did on the 11th
 whether this was owing to the respect
 the passengers and crew paid the
 Sabbath or that the previous drench-
 ing frightened them. I cannot say.
 But one thing is certain, that they
 did not exhibit the same zeal
 and anxiety to get it as formerly.
 No cases of sickness on board, the
 passengers all healthy and in many
 cases happy, and apparently quite
 at home ~~aboard~~. The water continues
 in the same rotten state, and scarcely
 fit for drinking, has no appearance of
 improving yet, or undergoing that
 process which in a few days, makes
 it palatable, and entirely free from
 that stinking taste which it has
 now.

14th, in latitude 6 deg. 35' today, after
 Breeze Spring^{up} about 11 o'clock. But
 died away about six o'clock. A bullock
 seriously hurt this ^{day} By cutting his
 foot very deep. By falling or jumping
 from the bulwark, and coming down
 with the weight of his body on a piece
 of pointed brass, lodging on a sharp
 bit with the foot injured, he lost
 a great deal of blood, and fainted
 twice, during the time the doctor dress-
 ed the wound. The poor fellow cannot
 be able to work for a long time, our
 first ^{Cook} displaced. On another, one of
 the passengers, whose cleanly habits
 in comparison with the slovenly
 appearance of our cook, manner
 in which he the first cook went
 about his victuals, is gratifying
 enough to the major part of our
 passengers or those or perhaps all
 of us who have been in the habit
 of having everything comfortable
 and nice at home, the contrast between
 life as a steerer, or intermediate
 passenger, and home comforts great
 indeed —

15. A Ship in sight today ahead of us. we
are Bearing down fast on her. and
would have gone far ahead of her
if the Breeze so Bickle did last us;
did not show any colours. or anything
about ^{her}. She is now steering the same
Course with ourselves, in lat. 5 deg
57. having run only 44 Miles only
since yesterday, today we are exactly
four Weeks late. and the diff.
Run of latitude, since we left Greenock
is, or about, 3000 Miles. This in four
weeks. with light winds, and more
than seven days of calms. so that
the real sailing days are about twenty
or less, days. averaging in that time
150 Miles per day. or six and a half
to. knots per hour. This in light winds.
is good. with heavy and strong winds
blowing from the same quarter. would
have been run in a fortnight easy
enough; if once the line is passed
we anticipate strong Breezes. and
bad weather. No sail was taken in
yet except Studding sails, since we
left Greenock. nor any Reefs put
in the sails

16th. The same Ship still in sight. But ~~is~~ ^{is}
a little ahead of us today. in consequence
of the Wind taking off a little. Saw three
ships homeward bound. But did
not speak, but allowed by order of
the Chief Mate to go for in and of the
Foremast: then coercive measures
passed in consequence. of a fight
last night between some of the
passengers. which awakened the Watch
below. who accordingly made complaint
to the officers and hence these laws.
The Multitude made to suffer for the
faults of a few. The invalid sailor who
has been sick every since we left Port
is still in the same state. Suffering dread-
fully from the effects of the Venereal. Saw
him once or twice on Deck. and his pale
and emaciated appearance told the
agony he suffered. The circumstances under
which he shipped are peculiar. having
been confined in Greenock with the above
complaint; his funds were getting low. and
having heard the Kidston was going
to Australia and carried a Doctor. he knew
this would be a good chance for him
to be cured. per expenses, —

17th One Month absent, and still a few degrees
North of the equator. Sailing with a stiff
Breeze of S. W. wind going a S. E.
Course, a great many points of our
true Course, a deputation of the Steerage
passengers, gone to the Captain to-day
to get our Cook properly installed into
his office, and his wages made secure, the
Hon^{ble} deputation favourably received
and after their complaints were patiently
listened to, and after the fells of our first
Cook, for his incapacity, duly enlarged
on, the proceedings were closed by the
Capt. ~~and~~ every concern in his power
to them, and settling his wages at £8.
St. until our arrival at St. Philip.
The former Cook having now nothing
to do with the Galley, a great many
deputations from the Steerage, the causes
trifling enough very often, but many
of the passengers there, are too fond
of being thought clever. These people
grumble at every thing almost, and
the upshot of their grumbling, is a deputa-
tion to the Commander. No complaint
made yet by any of the Seaborn
passengers

18th Something like wrong in the intermediate way
for our Cheese, it having been stolen during
the night. Nothing transpired in the course
of the day, that could lead to the discovery
of the Pilferer, But surmises that some of us
had. That one or more of the apprentice
Boys had a hand in it, then surmises
during the day, amounted almost to absolute
certainties, on finding the same trick played
one of the Steerage Passengers, one of the
principals found eating the stolen Cheese
and boasting to his companions how
cleverly he had stolen it. No such proof
appeared for us, if it did, we should
have complained to the officers, to get
the delinquents severely punished. Steered
S. E. today. But tacked about 12
O'clock A.M. and stood away for some
hours W. N. W. and then again tacked
and stood S. E. Saw a ship today, Bear-
ing down on her fast, took no observation.
But could not calculate, punctually, the
exact latitude, or longitude, and consequent-
ly, the result would be dead reckoning.
Tomorrow comes in my week as head
messman, and the following week I am
to act as messman for one of the
mess —

19th In Lat. 5 deg 29. Wind blowing full
with a strong Breeze. Right ahead of
us. Some of the intermediate passengers
much offended. at some remarks made
on, them to the Captain on the 17th when
the deputation for the Hook closed. to the
effect. that my kind of boots were
good enough for the creatures in the
sea cabin who never saw anything,
fitly for the pride (rather than anger
was manifested) of the proud young
lady. and many quaint panegyrics
passed on her; none of them much in
praise of her, a vote of censure propo-
sed by some of us to be passed on
her which I dare say would be carried
unopposed, were it not that out of
regard to her friends they consented to
drop it. Busily employed today in
my capacity of Messman, and find
that for two weeks, I will almost
altogether be occupied in the work
at this insight today. Spined her
Colours. But could not make out
what she was or the country she
hailed from saw a great number
flying fish today. Harpooned a
Barnetor.

20. Latitude 5 deg 40 min today Steaming W,
with a strong Breeze or Southerly Wind, our
progress or consequence very little the
Wind being dead ahead of us. My antic-
ipated happiness as Messman. for being
as good as circumstances lead me to un-
derstand it would be. after of the mess
eternally finding fault with my work
with or without cause. Their horns
longer never cease. This put me very little
about taking even ^{the} very early. But on one
occasion, I was almost broken the back
of one of these huts. By spitting always
one heavy tin jug at my head. Fortunately
for himself and me also the jug escaped
him and I now regret having given way
to so much passion. Mr. Matthe whom
aggravation struck. The aggravation was
enough. he having previously thrown a
tin filler at my face intending not to hit
me. But unfortunately for me. it did hit
me at the time. Bruised the left eye & brow.
The upshot was the flinging of the jug,
and ultimately an apology from him.
or something equivalent: a hearty shake
of the hand. Prayers as usual today
Nothing more of any interest or im-
portance happened

21st. in Latitude 4 deg. 56. today. The wind right
in our teeth and no improvement for the better.
This state of things. Namely Calms and
contrary winds highly harassing to the
sple expectants Drummy of whom great
having taken the passage on the S. C. S.
Ship. and all of them manifesting degree
of impatience and fretfulness highly
amusing to me. As matter how anxious
I am myself for a speedy termination of
the voyage. But less sanguine of the
result and success at the designs. ~~then~~
Some of them ^{will} ~~are~~ ~~at long~~ to come out
fully. What dreams of ~~that~~ they now
realize and Drummy to be doomed to
disappointment saw Coverts today, and
nothing to amuse us. Consequently, a degree
of listlessness and useless secrets ~~the~~ ~~Drummy~~
By them all. One of the interesting
ladies on board health. Mrs. Bone, the
complaint is extreme debility, and since
the weather has turned out so warm
the poor lady has felt much weaker.
Her case having been told the Cap-
tain generously ordered cordials and
fresh food from the cabin table to
be given her; the result has been very
favourable to her having been

Much strengthened By it —
22nd in Lat. 4 deg. 40 Min today. Wind
almost right ahead of us. The use of Spirits
by order of the Commander. Strictly pro-
hibited. yesterday and in future, an intem-
perate use of them ^{being} made by some of the
passengers. which led to these stringent meas-
ures. Proper enough in themselves, But
fully carried out highly injurious. if in
care of sick ^{persons} spirits are indispensable. Wakened
early this morning by hearing screams
proceeding from one of the staterooms opposite
from a lady there. Miss Barnes, screaming
Hush Hush. Her husband came, help me,
her husband who slept in a berth above his
wife immediately springing out of bed, and
flew to his wife's berth. touching the hand
of a woman. who soon made his exit. the
cause of his wife's screams were now easily
accounted for. Some villain, at the dead of
the night, penetrated into the room, and
tried to kiss or sleep with his spouse.
But luckily his designs were frustrated
in the manner above mentioned, nothing
that could lead to the discovery of the
fellow now as yet untraced, furnish-
ing all of us with a speaking subject for
a day —

23rd, Wind as usual a head or w. Steering E
S. E. today. amused today, By reading
a few lines of poetry, composed on myself
by the author of the song. on the ^{stone} ~~hill~~ ⁱⁿ
his journal, on the same flattering me,
the Subject. love. drawn from a story much
exaggerated, and almost entirely untrue. ^{which}
I told him. about a young lady in
Norway who affirmed plighted her
affection ^{to} ~~and~~ to be worth more or
less five hundred pounds a year.
This story causing the lines of poetry
in themselves pretty good, one of the
Young men in my Parish. painted last
night with Mustaches, and an
imperial while asleep. causing bursts
of laughter ^{from} ~~in~~ all ^{the} ~~sides~~ ^{intermediate} ^{pass}
ngers. Most of whom had assembled
to see the fun. The paint consisted of
Burnt Look and candle grease. The
Young Man this morning in good
rage. But in spite of all his efforts
to find out the aggressor. None of the
party cognizant of it. will tell
him. He looks much calder today
with hot water, and is unable to work
for a day or two. A substitute given in his
place.

24th in Lat. 3 deg. 0. today, and in the South East Trades, after beating about for the last fourteen days. Making little or no progress, blowing every stiff breeze, "No incident of any importance happened today. The gentleman whose wife created the disturbance a few nights ago has studiously avoided (Tried) mixing with any of the intermediates, thereby creating a suspicion that he is Rooney about it, and has his suspicions aroused that ^{one} ~~some~~ of the gent^s here has been the delinquent. Whether his suspicions are correct or not his conduct much disapproved of and strong expressions given utterance to by some of us, but by any means in justification of the course the ship pursues, some of the Steerage female passengers sea sick today, a sort of relapse of sea sickness. Some of them having but lately got rid of it. The regulations for washing out our Berths strictly adhered to, and we are conscious that the healthy state of the passengers is owing to the cleanliness prevailing. The Doctor and the Captain always urging on us the necessity of having our Berths regularly washed,

25th In Lat. 1 deg. 3 min North today. Cross-
ed the line about 11 o'clock this night.
The usual work of shaving &c. By
Reptun was performed with great
applause. By the Sailors, after they a
glass of Spirits was served out to
the Steerage passengers, 2 Bottles of
Brandy and half a dozen wine was
sent the intermediate passengers
by the Captain and the Doctor, which
was done ample justice to, in a few
minutes not a drop of it remained.
however Reptun's appearance was
resumed in with as much relati-
vity in the intermediate as among
the Sailors. Nothing like drunkenness
was seen, although a few people
if allowed get drunk. Such was
not the case with the Steerage passengers,
many of them were in a bad state.
Some scarcely able to take care of
themselves. The Sailors in a more jolly
state. But not by any means, dead
drunk, as the saying is, rum being
served on them, liberally. But
not too much, and crossing the
line. Day passed as happy as circum-
stances admitted.

26th In lat. 43 min South of the line. with
a light but steady breeze. The effects of
last night's spree. Having had more grog
then was aware of, on some of the Sailors
was manifest enough. This morning, by
the drowsy appearance and sore throats,
heads they presented, but not outrageous
proceedings followed, the drinking, the
strictest propriety, from the last, preva-
led universally. The water improving every
day. Not so our biscuits, they are getting
very soft and unpalatable. Saw no
ships for a long time. With the exception
of a small whaler occasionally, or
some flying fish. Nothing to cheer us.
or pass the time, even dancing is now
dropped. Some of the parties having
offended. But long, he has now almost
dropt playing his violin, in short
in a few weeks, the time will hang
heavy enough on our hands, if both.
my in the shape of amusement turns
up; lately one of the Steerage passengers
presented himself to the Doctor, and
requested ^{to have} a tooth which gave
him great pain extracted, the Doctor
aided the fellow, then asked a bottle
of Brandy to apply to the hollow

to stop the bleeding. His request was complied with. The Doctor never suspecting any thing. and it was only after hearing that he was seen very drunk. Shortly afterwards, that the Doctor smelled a rat. he enquired about the matter and found out the truth was only an excuse to get the Brandy. The fellows desire for it so strong. but rather than resist the desire he would pawn by it at such ~~an~~ ~~is~~ a sacrifice —

27th in lat 2 deg 26 min South today. Sailed about one hundred and three miles since yesterday. Prayers as usual today. a few sermons read us. on St Pauls Ship Wreck. great attention given to reading. By us all. caught a fish today with a hook. the same costume of Posterni as usual. that is sitting listlessly — on the benches. and the Butcher smoking or reading Books and chatting. Never saw a finer sight. the moon looked beautiful and bright. Not allowed to be seen. the wind light. But a heavy swell. the ship plunging heavily up to the mess. had no coast of fresh pork given them today by the Captain —

28th In Lat 4 deg 5 min. a strong breeze. or a sort of accident happened today. but not attended with any loss or accident. the accident was as follows. the tiller chain in consequence of the helmsman's stupidity in managing the wheel. got jammed and through other causes the wheel to be so stiff that it could not work. My Brother brought the ship off the wind so much that the sail came all aback with a crash which I thought would have brought some of the topmasts down. But fortunately nothing started, and in a few ^{minutes} the way put all right. the tiller chain were also righted, a good many of the passengers stood some what agast and alarmed at the appearance things then presented but felt wonderfully relieved when every thing was again in proper order. saw no sails today. did not see any for a long time now. Numbers of fish playing about the ship. But cannot catch any. at least some days ago between one of the steering passengers, Mr Kear, and the intermediates of it for three plays. at Card B. Mr Kear being victorious. with two games

29th Lat 6 deg 35 today, today busily engaged in getting passengers trunks onto the Store Room, and replacing them again. Repairs made in the shape of clearing the Steerage and intermediate of all the Superfluous baggage ^{keeping} as much as is absolutely necessary for the voyage. for the bad weather we anticipate or are sure of falling in with none. untill we pass the Cape of Good Hope. a good many petty quarrels in consequence. every person striving to have as much of his baggage up as possible. an accident happened this evening to our Barber. having fainted away. one could not be brought round again for a long time, the Doctor having Bled him copiously. he now recovers but is very weak. the cause of the fit is ascribed to being intoxicated. during the day one probably having eaten very little food. Saw no vessels today. a strong Breeze going W. with almost every Titch of Canvas that can draw crowded on her going all day at the rate of eight knots an hour. the Sky very clouded —

30th Lat 8 deg 36 today. great uproar and confusion on board this morning. a gale of wind struck us carrying away six Rooms. flying jib. fore topmast Studding sail. Boom. Some injury to the fastening of the Mizzen top sail yard. With all these sails set. No other accident happened. the Ship's progress much retarded in consequence of these accidents. a great part of the day consumed in clearing away the rigging and repairing some of the damages. But will take a few days to make a new jib Room &c. a great number of the females badly frightened, one poor lady was seen clinging to her husband crying piteously to him to save her. except the pleasure some of us received. Nothing more happened during the day. gradually more sails are put on her. the wind very fresh today. Blowing stronger. than we had it yet. the vessel put on and heavily for want of sails to steady her. the Captain and Mate indefatigable in hurrying on the repairation of the damages. Saw no vessels today. nor any fish. wind blowing S East. and a Beautiful Night as bright almost as day —

July 1st. Lat 10 deg. 28. with a strong breeze.
The damages of yesterday, fully repaired
today. Nothing of War left undone before
Six o'clock this evening. Was amused
this evening with a fight between two
of the Sailors. The cause originating
with one of the Seamen. aboard. who
gave some insolent language to his op-
ponent. (an Englishman, who could not
stand it. and replied to it with a blow
the fight ending by the Swede giving in.
leaving our Bull Master of the field.
A Bet laid in the intermediate between
a Mr Stewart Robertson, a great topper
and another of the passengers. that he
Stewart Robertson, would not keep
 sober from four o'clock in the evening
until four next morning, having pos-
sessed a Bottle of Spirits through the
day. The stakes were fifteen shillings
to seven and sixpence. and finally
won by Robertson abstaining. not
without champion by the other party.
who did not expect to have lost.
A Bet of five pounds lay at seven
Games of Backgammon won
by James Leven of our Bath. to
day.

July 2nd. Lat 12 deg 30 Min. breeze as usual. a
row in earnest in the intermediate this
morning. Brought about as follows. our
Dress and two more Messes. had some porrid-
ge before tea, and as it is always the custom
when we have porridge. all the messes
join in sending Water and oatmeal up
to the galley. Two of the Messes. either neglected
or would not send up water. The Conseq-
uence was that after our Mess. that is
those that sent up water &c were served
with the porridge. one of the party that
had not sent up water who has a
young family on Board. at the instigation
of one of the passengers. came forward and
endeavoured to have the pan with the
surplus Porridge. taken to his family.
But was refused by one of our Mess.
a man to do him justice. can do justice
to anything in the shape of a table
that comes before him. thinking no doubt that
he himself had not enough; Endeavoured
to keep the pan and both struggled and
scrambled away at pulling each other.
this ending by the man with the
young family giving up the contest.
So was it ended here. the man being
almost in a state of frenzy at his

defeat began insulting another passenger on
Neutral. who would have felled him but
for the interference of some of us. having
by a good deal amused with the antics of
the morning. Nothing more happened
today.

3rd. Lat 15 deg 10 min today. Strong breeze
going under easy sail. another fight,
a thing on a somewhat smaller scale than
our other fights between a dame Mr McIntyre
in the intermediate and an Alex. Gibson
in the Steerage. caused by Mr McIntyre
snatching along pipe out of Gibson's
mouth and breaking it. The result
was a blow from Gibson and a retaliation
from Mr McIntyre. Fortunately the
fongilists were separated at an early
stage of the fight or without doing
any injury beyond a scratch or so.
The weather getting very cold now
in a week or so we will be in the
depth of winter today ends my term
of dress on in for along time, in conse-
quence of several brawls in the
intermediate a good deal of bad
feeling exists between some of us. the
cause trifling but the effect something
a most trifling cause producing

11 Colonies which through time ends in a complete
mistrust of each other, time however and
a landing in Australia will cause a separa-
tion which will end all these belly annoy-
ances

4th. Lat 17 Deg 37 Min. Strong Squalls
today. which prevented us having
prayers as usual read to us the weather
getting very cold now, at least a great
deal colder than we had it for along time
back. Not in sight of any land yet.
Saw no vessels today. nor any
other thing except a sea gull. had
a pig killed on board yesterday
a portion of it served out to the
passengers in the intermediate. who
are smoking their lips in anticipa-
tion of the splendid Roast which
makes it as the second time fresh
Pork has been served out to us.
Since we came of to sea expect
we will be in the lat. of the Cape of good
hope in about few days. heard
that we are going as far as 45 Deg
South. to take advantage of the
South West winds. to run again
eastward down to Port Phil
ip

5th. Lat 29 deg 13 Min. 33 deg (odd).
West longitude. The whole crew busily
engaged today in fastening the rigging
on the Weather side. In sight of a fine
Copper Brig this evening steering almost
due South but owing to the night coming
on did not speak. Plenty laughing
raised yesterday at the expenses of
one of the Ordinary Seaman. Called
Major for want of a better name the
fellow went early yesterday morning
to relieve one of the Sailors to the wheel.
But unfortunately for his reputation he
somedown or other dozed, and almost
slept at his duty. The ship in the meantime veering
off from her almost South course to Star
the West and in a few minutes would
(if one of the Seamen observing the
State rushed to the wheel and immedi-
ately brought her ^{about} course, & have brought
the sails and the aback on her. to the
danger of carrying away her masts
But luckily for us the danger was
avoided at the expenses of sundry
kicks and blows to the offender.
Nothing in the shape of sickness
has coming among any of
the passengers yet.

6th. Lat 22 deg 39. Supposed to be
out of the South East Indies today.
going almost South East course.
Was wakened this morning by hearing
the first Dr. ^{voice} ~~Dr.~~ in angry dispute
with one of the Steerage ^{passengers}. Who had
last night placarded a notice
in or about the Steerage, ^{companion}
on hatch. Requesting the passengers
to observe certain rules set down in
the notice. to the effect that none of
the officers orders should be recog-
nized with regard to the passengers
or something to that effect. the result
was the dispute of the morning. the
fellows affronting glaring enough, the
passengers as well officers. the Capt.
bothered by this fellow always send
me him letters of grievances and
blatancy as well as instigating the
passengers to find fault with the
ships regulations with regard to the
passengers. the officers determined to
put him in irons if in future he
plays any more of his capers. heard
today that the Captain said he
has more trouble of this fellow than
of all the passengers

7th. Lat 25 " 58. a Sail in sight today.
Supposed to be going round Cape
Horn; great sensation on board this
evening in consequence of a bed that
ran that took fire ~~was~~ or about
the roof of the galley fortunately
it was thrown overboard before
any mischief could be done. The
owner reproved for leaving it in
so near a proximity to the galley
where so many sparks of fire is falling
always, amusing to have seen the
bustle and anxiety manifested in
the appearance of the passengers the
females especially, now let a man-
nour system of knocking, calling
on their friends, husbands, and broth-
ers to save them. Much confusion
 ensuing from this. He employed all
day in lightening the stays and
making every rope as snug and
as the Nautical saying, as ship
shape as possible. The Seaman loud
in their complaints of the want of
skill and carelessness in rigging
the vessel in Greenock. a Malin
top gallant stay. took to
day.

8th. Lat 28. 1 a Barque in sight today.
Sailing South East. but at too great
a distance to signalize her. The weather
getting colder every day. but no colder
as cold as our Winters at home.
This, perhaps occasioned by not ~~too~~
being in the same degree of latitude
yet South. as we lived in Scotland.
Saw a number of Cape birds today
hovering about the ship. Gambling
in the intermediate carried on, over
a smaller scale, and with less zest
and zeal than usual. The reasons
are simply these, a great many of the
votaries are shorn of their ~~mane~~
Crest. while the rest are on the brink
of being shorn also, leaving one or
two a James Levey. The only Winner
considerably agained. at the expense
of all the rest, a prospectus issued
today of a newspaper to be published
weekly, every Thursday, called Life
in the Kidston, created some sensati-
on on Board today. and as it
publishes principally fun, frolic
and amusement. all parties look
forward to the first number. With
impatience.

9th. Lat. 30. 13. Long. 20. 0. Saw no
ships today, the following lines, in
rhyme, composed by one of the steering
passengers -

"Come cheer up good passengers,
Who now toss on the Billows,
Still keep ^{up} your hearts,
Life jolly good fellows,
My voyage will end;
And our troubles be over,
And our sorrows forgot,
When we get on shore,
And when once on the turf,
So jovial and free,
There will be no one so sure,
So happy as we,
With our pickaxe and shovel,
And provision in store
We will start then to dig,
For the rich yellow ore,
And with spirit we will go
To dig with good will,
Still with shining gold dust,
Our faces all day fill
When turn for the diggers,
Of success there's no fear,
And for fortune and happiness

now

Now three hearty Cheers,
10th. Lat. 31. 41. Long. 18 deg. 00 min.
West. Saw a few large Whales, swim-
ing to leeward of us today, but could
not obtain a near enough view of
them to know or estimate the size.
Saw also a great number of porpoises,
off a large species, endeavoured to
harpoon some of them as they swam
across our bows, but failed in the
attempt, heard the Captain saying
that in about twelve days hence
we might perhaps round the
Cape, and then a prospect of a
thirty days passage, nothing
of importance, or of any interest seen
today, except seeing a few Cape
Pigeons, and a few gulls, showing
that we are in near proximity
to the shore or land; heard also
that we had about one hundred
and seventy miles degrees of
longitude to go ere we reached
Port Philip, commencing for
the certainty of this, did not as
yet encounter any of the
gales so prevalent at the
Cape in the winter time -

11th. Lat 33. 15. Long 16 deg. West
and no prayers read today.
divine services dropped as it were by
mutual consent by the Captain and
Doctor. The above parties not pulling
well together. The cause of the coolness
has originated with the Officers now
in the evening of the 17th May (the
evening we left Greenock) Various
Petty & disagreeable words ^{passed between them} on one
occasion. The Captain almost put
him in irons. for some harsh expressions
he uttered against ^{him} the cause leading
to this may be follows. The Captain
refused to carry out some scheme
the doctor proposed to make with
regard to the passengers. by such
by a dispute, and threats by the doctor
that he would expose him in all the
home papers, as well as the Colon-
ial ones. So ended this quarrel
before or on our arrival in
Philip, and prayers read in the
Evening today. By one of the
passengers. a good many of
the intermediates were - in all-
attendance —

12th. Lat 34. 40. Long 12. 30 West.
" a great many contributions pouring
on the Editor of Lib in the Kidstone.
Saw some of the articles, and in truth
fun, frolic, and amusement - are
the principles. it is coming out in
due form, and complete on Thursday
the 15th. Saw a great many birds to
day, but no vessels. The morning
exceedingly sharp and cold. Something
of the same weather we have in March
on cold days at home. Will be colder
yet as we "go farther South, a great
many of the passengers going immo-
diately on landing. the diggings of
the encouragements are as good as
we had reasons to think they were
before we left home. Making every
allowance for partial and exaggerated
accounts. Steering E. S. E. today
with a strong breeze, and beginning
- at squalls and showers, all the
passengers exchanging their light
clothes for warm ones. Nothing
intervenes to disturb the good
feeling and good exultation that prevail
among. except very few and far
between Brawls —

13. Lat 35, Long 8.30 West. Saw
a very large albatross today, the larg-
est bird we saw since we ^{came} into these
latitudes. Saw also a very large ship
steering South of us, and alone with
a hook attached to it hanging out after
us, and on taking it, a small ship
was on the hook. Supposed to have been
by some ship. Stakes of 10/- played to
day at backgammon, by one of
our men James Levey with a
Campbell Gardiner, and won by
Levey. The above Gardiner, a great
sufferer by these stakes, having on
two several occasions lost three
pounds ^{10/-} and ten shillings on
another. Porpoises in great numbers
seen today playing round our
ship. The greatest bustle on board
our vessel on the success, and among
men of the Newspaper, the life of
Kiddston, a great many fresh contributions
were still pouring in on the Editor
who is not a little proud of his
office. Four or five pieces of
poetry by him to be inserted. Run-
ning right before the wind with
a good breeze.

14th Lat 35.10 Long 4 - West.
a shift of Wind today. Saw a quantity
of sea weed showing that we are near
land, or a rock. today is the effort we
made and since we left home, had no
rest or similitude, yet, being led to believe
that going round the Cape, in the winter
time, would be sure to fall in with the
above. Neither fell in with the heavy
gales of Wind so prevalent at this
season at the Cape, did not take in any
of Sooty or Herring Gulls since we
left Greenock, one of our common
Herring fishing Boats, in old
Scotland, and without running
any risk of being deranged or being
lost come all the distance we have
already come, upwards of some
thousand Miles. We anticipate having
enough of rough weather yet we
regret to our desired harbor, but
at present we are bound enough
of the favourable termination of
our voyage cannot say or exactly
what the sailing qualities of the
Kiddston is, having not yet had
a strong enough wind to try
her.

15th Lat 35 " Long 0 West, Hearing
North East today, and consequently are
only losing our latitude progress.
great sensation on board this morning
on the appearance of the Newspaper
of twelve pages of large foolscap -
written in a fine hand, almost as
easily read as print - it lashed with
out sparing almost all the passengers
and showed no partiality to any.
in a few minutes the intelligence of
its appearance circulated with the
of lightning from the vessel, every soul
of the passengers forming great eag-
erness to hear it read, it is filled up
with little and amusing critiques on
some of the intermediates and cabin
passengers. with a few pieces of poetry,
after all the passengers were regaled
with the reading, it was finally stifled
by dice at a stick of tobacco every
time. Realizing by the generous editor
ten shillings worth of the week accommo-
dity very acceptable to him. being
as confirmed as mother - as could
be found, saw a brig today, but
did not come within hauling
distance

15th The following piece of poetry (in rhyme,
appeared in the Newspaper —

" " " " "
When gentlemen go out to roam,
And go aboard a dainty vessel,
They know the joys they left at home,
And learn the ills with which they wrestle,
They dwell upon past happy years,
On mournful thoughts and silent sorrow,
And future woes and future fears,
May come too soon (may come tomorrow,
Such is our case, tis ours by moor,
So look on scenes we cant inherit
We go to find the golden ore,
And take our chance with reckless spirit,
Be gone then care we cant agree,
Our hopes are bright our hearts are merry,
We yet shall cross the Southern sea,
And home the golden treasure carry,
When first the land breaks on our view,
Then on our Sunday clothes will button,
And leave salt beef for sharks to chew,
While we step out to eat fresh mutton,
Will leave the ship in which we braved,
The hot, the cold, the stormy weather,
And forth will march with axt & spade
Through dirt in rank yet altogether,
Will bid farewell to every bump to

To every dress a kind adieu,
Then Mr Sipple will get drunk,
And Mr King get very fond,
Oh how the Eagle Hair will stare,
When first he sees a Kangaroo,
Oh how will that great bald head bare,
The Wonders of a land so new,
Argyle's great Duke will be struck dumb,
With wonder and amazement great,
When Australians, Christians come,
And welcome him in savage state,
But great man Grieve will take a quaff
Of half a gill and take beer,
And poor Narration will share off,
The black Mustache he prizes dear!
Oh when we hoist the signal flag,
And anchor in the bay to bring,
Sir McIntyre will break his leg,
Or pumping out into the tug,
And Uncle Ned will ram about,
Like pensioner on pony.
And Mrs Smyth will still cry out,
A lone and unprotected lady
Lord Cairns will look about for news,
Of sheep and wool and gold will rise,
While Cullen on the stars will muse,
And look for changes in the southern sky,
Then Mr Coetis will be ground, and

And look bold and prim and tidy,
And Mr L — forget the pun,
Although perhaps it may be Friday,
Oh Murdoch's heart the land will charm,
About poor K — will be dumb,
When forth he goes linked arm in arm,
With Sister in highland charm,
The Spalding folk bring go to bed,
Without the fear of Cook or Witches,
And Dross, Leven, Patched Wags,
Will don a brand new pair of breeches,
Will brave Henderson walk the decks,
Explaining all things clear & fully
While Mr Nisbet rubs his spurs
And sighs because he lost the bonville,
But looks at Hemmings eyes and nose.
No doubt him, a jolly sight, + have
And when the red haired barber goes,
The Melbourne folk can tell at night,
It was poor Corson seen a ghost,
Alas, alas it's something worse,
He looks as sad as if he lost
His far famed back his hunting horse.
The fondest hearts must sometimes part,
And glad when called on other duty
To Dumfries Davy must must stick,
And leave his fair haired Latin beauty,
But who's the little skull clipped gent
that

Shuts rising such a dust below,
Who still was tramp wherever he went,
St. Barlow of the great Bango,
Laz, everywhere his voice is heard,
Proclaiming how he'll give a fete,
For Bill was still a famous card,
And Sydney folk will get a treat,
Ladies too must be away,
So part with those who went a wooing
And Miss Jane Laura, cannot stay,
So keep the watch with Mr. Goring,
Now Mickleton exults with all,
And chews and spits wherever he goes,
But let him mind when on the spree,
And think on London and his clothes,
Adieu to Bonelli's Soup and Pease
Adieu to beef and bawling Assey
Adieu to coffee beans, and Cheese
To rotten Milk and thin Molasses
Adieu to wet feet, clothes, and bed
Adieu the Kidney and Corivation
Welcome fresh Mutton, beef & bread,
Welcome you'll be to Harve Narration,

16th " " " "
Took no observation today, in
consequence of the haziness of the
weather, sailing N. W. E., every appear-
ance of a bad storm, however

The day passed as usual till about
five o'clock, when it began to blow
a fierce breeze, and a heavy rain imm-
ediately and scarcely in time all the
lightsails were taken in, leaving nothing
on her but her topsails, main sail,
foresail, and spanker, in a few mom-
ents after these were secured, away with
a crash like a peal of loud thunder
went the outer jib, the hawny snaped
the sail however was finally secured,
the vessel then wore round on
another tack, and went before the
wind, and a great deal of work
and trouble all the topsails double
reefed, and everything snug: she was
braced up, and goes now S. E. —
The sailors were regaled with offing
after their hard buffeting.

17th, Did not take an observation to-
day either the weather too bad for it.
a heavy sea running today, going
under double reefed topsails, very
few of the passengers on deck.
in consequence of the weather, we
are probably in about five degrees
east longitude sailing South
East. Saw no vessels today
but

Saw a great many birds, at which a
number of shot was fired, but
none killed active porpoises about
to go for the evening week paper. Whether
or it meets with the same encouragement
and applause its predecessor had or
not? Next number will show —
18th had an observation today. Long
8 deg. East. We are round the Cape
in a few days, very stormy weather,
a heavy sea running, plunging mud
into it, putting ab boom and bow
sprit right under, carried away with
a sea. First the foretopmast staysail
split in two, then alternately fore
top gallant staysail and ab. by sea
striking them, carried also away
fore top gallant staysail, but no
damage ensued, it having only
dragged out of its place the
bolt that fastened it. Another
accident of my element hap-
pens today, down service mizzen
today, it is not likely we
will have it kept in the kitchen
more. Saw a good many albatross
today, also a great many
Cape pigeons —

19th Lat 34. 41. Long. 9. 10. East —
The late shows we are making no
progress South. Weather and breeze
no vessels in sight. No more of the
birds that have followed us, for the
last fortnight, employed busily to-
day in repairing the damages of
yesterday viz, the sails. Carrying
more sail today than for a week
back. Took all the reefs out of
our topsails, preparations going
on rapidly for the issue of this week
paper, a great many contributions in
the shape of rhymes and prose coming
in from the Steerage folks daily.
The Editor employed in correcting
and reviewing some of these articles.
Our Cook has resigned today, for-
feiting the sum of eight pounds stg.
a very foolish proceeding on his
part after being at it for more
than a month. Would not assign
a cause for his resignation, our
former Cook again installed
the passengers look forward
to bad cooking for the future.
Carried no spars away on sail
today —

20th. Lat 35 0000, Longt about 11 East.
Carried away a studding sail boom
today, a change of wind today
also, blowing right after us. With
a strong and steady breeze, never
saw the Kidston starting so fast.
Nor going so steady. The weather get-
ting colder every day. Today the air is
exceedingly keen and disagreeable, our
batter that used to be almost in a Watery
state is now quite hard and firm,
gambling continues now, with a
Bist, and result truly astonishing.
Playing for money is certainly
dropped for a good reason, but
continues vigorously for Tobacco.
Some having come without a
stick of perhaps fifty sticks
commencing. While others come with
perhaps fifty sticks more than
they had beginning, from morning
till night, this business is carried
on, without intermission, to the exclu-
sion of every sort of recreation and
exercise. Saw no vessels today,
nor anything to relieve the tedium
of the dreary and dull life we
lead —

21st. Could not make out our Lat. but
suppose it be about 36. Longt. 14 deg.
east. The wind right after us. Sea running
high, a sort of miniature of Sea's Mountains
high, but acting on the Kidston today
as a sort of Propeller pushing her
in conjunction with the wind. Forward
a good deal. The ship sailing at the
rate of ten knots an hour. Will
be clear of the African land in
today or two. A strong tide running
against the wind. This consequently
against our speed, but will be
more favour when round the Cape.
The weather continues as cold and
chilly as ever. but not disagreeable.
So, a number of albatrosses near
us to day. but were not so lucky
as to kill any of them yet. a few
evenings ago a few of the cabin
passengers fired several shot
at them, but with the exception of
missing a small pigeon. Nothing
in the shape of killing any of them
transpired. Saw no ships to
day. a few of the passengers feel
a little indisposed, but nothing
to dread —

22nd. Had no observation today, owing
to the cloudiness of the weather, a great
sensation on board this morning
on the appearance of the second
New-spinner, affording to the pas-
sengers a great deal of amusement.
Scarcely any of the passengers escap-
ing without getting a cut. In it many
of the cabin passengers offended at
the severity with which they were
handled, but on the whole, the Editor
does justice. Shows no partiality.
In the evening it was for one
hundred and twenty tickets of Solages
worth fifteen shillings, or seven pounds
& a half. Won't leave in possession
of a large stock of the wares were
it not that he loses it at gamb-
ling. Saw a fine looking Barque
to day, homeward bound, with
colours half hoisted, showing that
there was either sickness or death
aboard. Her colours were Dutch
and very calm today, and
every appearance of a contri-
bution of it every stitch of
Canvas set. Wind right after
us

23rd. Had no observation today either. Nor Co-
rindi, had a slight breeze towards evening
from the South East, a disturbance of rather
admirable nature took place tonight
in the second Cabin, very nearly ending with
a fight. The circumstances of it is as
follows: A number of the second Cabin
passengers occupy the mess table from
morning till night at gambling, excluding
altogether the rest of the passengers from any
share of the only light allowed. This
disquietude was patiently borne with
until they might give over the practice
in part. But no, the parties consulted
their pleasure, and almost wholly took up
the place. Last night a Mr. Gurn, one
of our passengers spoke to them
quietly, on the impropriety of the habit
and the inconvenience to the rest.
One of the players answered by words
anger that he, Mr. Gurn, had no
right to meddle with anything they
did. Gurn said, he had a right to
stop what the regulations of the
vessel strictly prohibited, from now
came to a challenge given by
the young man to Gurn. but won't
fight again —

"Poetry of this Week's Paper"

Another tedious week is passed,
In which the Kidston braves the blast,
Any croaking, cackling or did go,
Much like a Seabirdman sure but slow,
In every sphere there's news worth stating,
In every ship, acts worth relating,
In every Cabin deeds worth showing,
In every bunk there's worth knowing,
So, some publicities well mention
Of Cabin ears who claims attention,
Oh! even a week last Saturday night,
Since some one got a wofull plight,
Harming brought grog for No. 1,
Dr. come here to see the fun,
So, temperate was he at the first,
He would taste to quench his thirst,
But flattery is a great temptation,
Which backed by thirst and inclination,
At last the fire rose in his blood
He tastes and pronounced it good,
Then tried again his mouth claimed more,
And thought he'd tasted worse before,
He frizzed and tupples till the stuff
Warned him to go he had enough
The grog was done which he had got
So out his long clay pipe he brought

And as he lights it cannot stay,
Jakes, Lockies, Knuff and Walths away
The wind blew high the sparks flew higher
The Capt. Bellowed Wind your fire,
A Cabin passenger cries one,
When off the guilty Culport ran,
And frightened terrified and drunk
Behind the mainmast down he sunk
But with his gun in his done,
Let him the shoe fits put it on
The glorious Sportsman we can boast,
Upon the quarter deck are lost,
How fine they raise the gun in view
God help that beast the Kangaroo,
For when the Cabin gets around,
There fate is sealed they can't survive
Oh, Ferrand, Cassels, Runkin, Sydd,
Can know the damage that you did
One bird was nearly mangled I hear,
And many a friend he had I fear,
And many a bird would mourn for him,
If you had shot that Albatross,
Yet shoot your powder for the joke
It harmless is and ends in smoke,
You hear around the sea birds call
They know like me you shoot down all
First learn to creep before you walk
Take Bull, Pop gun and hit the chalk

It's stronger than four some Ladies are
Off smoke puffed from a fine cigar
It is a rather cold like ~~that~~ night,
Or see a Lady out at night,
Without, a bonnet shawl or cloak.
Sit on the hatch enjoy the smoke.
I can't account for such an action,
Except by laws of great attraction,
And thus poor Corson lost his tongue,
It can't be pride, his not too young,
And no dirty won't help through life.
A youth, that's looking for a wife,
Speak out my boy and do your duty
And ply on your fair haired loving beauty
For if you look at Laurie's eyes
You find he courts her on the fly
But take this hint, you want a spar
And make it up, between you & her
So over Cryptographic, boy.
For one that must I say good bye
The intermediate spent their life,
For one grand round of fun & strife
At breakfast have a beer let too
And then sit down to play at too,
Night walks have headed at night,
Grieve, is nearly dead with fright,
Bard is that thing in the booth
While Sam M. Intyre bakes and cooks,

24. Lat 37. South Longt. 19 deg.
east, round the Cape today, Wind
E. N. E. in the morning, but
gradually freshened and veered round
in the evening ^{to the} North, before 11 o'clock
it came on a perfect gale, saw
No vessels today.

25th Awakened about two o'clock, by
hearing the most heart rending cries
that ever proceeded from the mouth
of man, all the passengers were
thrown into the greatest consternation
possible by it. Some thought at
first, the ship had taken fire, others
thought that a great many of
the crew had gone over board, but
could not arrive at the proper
conclusion, until we heard the
captain crying out for us, to send
up for God's sake, what light we
had, the cause of the cries were
ascertained, about two o'clock, the
captain ordered a number of
the crew to go up and furl the
main course, the wind having
risen to a perfect gale. Right
after us, in compliance with
this order, a number of them

Spring up, but were not long on
the Cross Jack Yard, as it is called,
when with the press of sail, the number
of men on it and the violence of
the gale, the Yard broke in two, right
in the centre, precipitating some of
them off. Some of them fortunately
when thrown off, caught some ropes
in their fall, and consequently escaped
uninjured, one of the sailors, a young
English man, of the name of David
after being jammed ^{to} ~~under~~ the
deck, one of his legs so much
injured that for the remainder of
the passage he will be useless. While
the only ^{one} that lost his life was jammed
helplessly between the Mast and one
of the pieces of the Yard, this young
man, (a native of Yarmouth, in
England), when he got up to the
Yard had taken his station about
the centre of the Yard, one of his
feet supported on an iron grating
that comes down from the
Cross trees to the Mast, he had
taken his position to support
him while pulling up the sail,
when the Yard broke, the end

of the Yard came with a fatal force, right
against his thigh and then spring back
again, coming with double force against
it, hence proceeded the most lamentable
cries that ever was heard from the
unfortunate seaman. No efforts on his
own part poor fellow could extricate.
The iron crushed by out of the grating,
the officers and seamen were in the
greatest consternation, the darkness
of the morning, and the position of
the young unfortunate, left them for
a few minutes stupid, the Captain
giving orders, which the men did
not in their horror and excitement
understand, all this time our ears
were assailed with the cries, at inter-
vals, or while the Yard spring back
the poor man was ^{silent}, but when it
came back with renewed force then
we heard, above the the sound of
the wind his piercing cries, he how-
ever was the first to comprehend
the best way to manage things,
he shouted out to the men on
deck to clew up the topsail,
this relieving the yard, this after
a few minutes was accomplished

easing the broken pieces considerably.
Then a brace was attached to the
outer end of the piece that jammed him
and hauled aft. by all the men at
once freeing the Wretched Man, who
was carried in the Mate's arms down
the rigging, and sent to the barge
his thigh bone having come out through
his canvas trousers, and his clothes all
covered with blood and gore. Nothing
could be done until daylight, the
unfortunate man, in the interval
almost pined to death, about eight
o'clock he was carried by his
messmates down to the hospital.
and shortly afterwards the doctor
went down, accompanied by a few
of the passengers, and proceeded
at once to amputate the limb.
Chloroform was applied but did
not take effect on him. the amput-
ating operations was speedily begun
and in a short time the limb was
off. and with the life of the
unfortunate sailor, his last words
were, oh my Mother, and Irish
Scout's pony, shortly afterwards
his body was inclosed in canvas

with pieces of iron attached to sink the body.
at five o'clock in the evening, he was
brought on deck on a plank with
a flag covering it, in a few minutes
the funeral services was over, and then
the body was thrown gently over, and
sunk like a piece of stone, the deceased
left cash in his chest, to the amount
of five sovereigns, which with the wages
due will amount to about eleven pounds
that will be remitted to his father as soon
as possible. This fatal accident has
thrown a gloom over us all. No
other injuries resulted from this accident.
the broken yard was taken down after
a good deal of trouble today —

26th. Lat 39 South. Long 29 Deg East.
The Carpenter busily engaged today
in splicing the broken yard, and
making a splice of the broken
piece of the jib boom that carried
away some weeks ago. The sailor
David, is in a fever today, but
hopes are entertained that he
will recover. The hair of his
head was shaved off. at
present every attention and care
is bestowed on him,

27th had no observation today. The repairs of the yard going on rapidly. A strong breeze springing up towards the evening, which gradually increased to a gale. The ship after a deal of trouble put under double reefed topsails, during heavy squalls coming on. Saw no vessels today. Caught a Cape Pigeon today, and we are to keep him alive if possible. The weather continues very

28th Cold Lat 39 15 South, Longt 32 deg East, a dead calm, with a heavy sea today, after the gale of last night. Caught, or rather harpooned, a somewhat large porpoise yesterday morning by the Cook. which was speared. Cut up and some of it eaten by the passengers. observed something today floating on the water supposed to be the body of a seaman, but from the position the ship was in, and the heavy sea running none of our boats could be

lowered with any safety. a postponement of the life in the Kidston is announced today. reasons assigned, the death of the sailor on Sunday, but will come out on Monday. with a few additional pages, and will be continued every Monday, during the passage, the other seaman that was hurt continues in, a very precarious state yet. but hopes are entertained that he will soon recover. a large piece of the flesh of the calf of his leg was cut yesterday. a number of pigeons caught today. great numbers of them about our ship every day. Since we came near the Cape and still continue following us. Saw no vessels today. another of the seamen laid up today. did not hear exactly his complaint. our crew greatly thinned now. the rest of the sailors quite disgusted and tired of the Kidston, being kept at work incessantly in repairing and replacing some of the ropes and rigging. the whole of them determined to leave her at St Philip

29th. Lat 40. 10. Longt 35 deg.

Went on our beam. Carried away the large of iron that goes round the topmast and connects it with the fore topsail yard. The sailor employed in fixing a new one made of rope, and in bringing down the fore royal yard, the topmast having sprung. Scarcely a day passes without something giving way aloft. The Mizzen Yard in fair state of completion today, and will be hung up immediately. The wind increased to almost a perfect gale in the evening, all the sails were almost taken in, and secured. Lightning in great abundance. Never saw such bright and vivid flashes. The whole ^{deck} fore and aft being perfectly illuminated, and every object discernible, loud thunder and tremendous torrents of rain followed, and the wind about nine o'clock moderated a good deal. The seamen as well as much. Spirits served out to them always in bad weather. —

30. Could not obtain the Lat. or longt. today. Sailing right before the wind with every stitch of canvas set, and going along at a quick rate. Broke a shifting sail boom this morning, so that not a day passes without meeting with some accident. In a few weeks hence, if damages are as frequent as now, the Red Star will become proverbial for carrying away her tackle. One of the seamen whose complaint I did not know a few days ago, is yet unfit for duty. His complaint, a rupture or eruption of the gut. The crew much weakened in consequence of the want of these sailors. Now that the above man and the young man that died, and his companion, are of duty. Much bustle on board in the evening, about getting the Cross Jack Yard up again. The Carpenter not over sanguine about the strength of it. but was replaced without an accident of any kind. Saw no vessels of any kind today. we are still bothered by large numbers of Cape pigeons —

31st Did not bottom in our latⁿ or long^t.
to day either, blowing a very stiff
breeze after us, no accident of any
kind happened to day. which consider-
ing the frequency of damages on
board of this ship, and almost of
daily occurrence, is rather wonder-
full, engaged all day in crowd-
ing on canvas, every available bit
of sail put on, today the weather
is exceedingly cold and disagreeable
accompanied by heavy showers
of sleety rain, saw no ships of
any kind today, but we are
followed yet by great numbers
of birds, great preparations made
today in arranging materials
for, Monday, left in the Kidston
which promises to come off with
greater eclat. than formerly.
No sickness of any importance
has yet come among any of
the passengers, all, with scarcely
any exception, are healthy and
under present circumstances in
good spirits the Captain instigates
equally in getting the ship to make
a speedy passage.

August 1st & 2nd
disastrous days for the Kidston, as she
appeared on the morning of the 2nd -
a comparative wreck. with the loss
of the main topsail yard, main top
sail, fore topsail, fore course, fore lower
standing sail yard, and part of the main
sail, the sequel will show how these
accidents happened.
During the whole day of the 1st,
we were going on, at a splendid rate
blowing a strong breeze from the North
West, and right after us, with every
sail set, standing sails, fore and a lofty
when towards evening the wind freshened
considerably with heavy and threat-
ening squalls but yet through some
unaccountable infatuation of the
captains, no sails were taken in,
about eight o'clock however all the
light sails were taken in but the topsails
and lower courses were left untouched,
by this time the wind had assumed
a wild aspect, but no word of
reefing topsails, between twelve
and one o'clock on the morning
of the 2nd the main topsail yard
snapped or broke in two, with a loud

a loud crash tearing away with it the
sail. The sailors were instantly set about
clearing the wreck of the yard, and in
a few minutes after wards the fore course
went in ribbons. By this time the wind
had risen to a regular storm, with
the foresail went the Studding sail yard
and not long afterwards the fore topsail
went also. The men were ordered up
immediately to secure the bags of the
sail but owing to the insufficiency of
the yard they positively refused to go.
The Captain then with the Chief mate
sprang up the rigging exclaiming to
the mate. Come on Mr Meikle John let
us show these fellows a good example,
we have done it once before and will
do it now, putting the action to the
word he sprang up followed by
course by the officer, but had only
proceeded a few steps up when a
seaman of the name of George
Walters, for Walter, the same man
who was put in irons some weeks
ago, said something to the Captain
which made him come down and
strike the seaman. The sailors retaliated,
and matters were assuming

a threatening aspect when the water inter-
fered, and separated them. With a threat
from the Captain that he would put him
in irons. Whether he will be put in
irons or not, I fancy he will be
tired on our arrival in St Philip, the
result cannot be even anticipated, the
rest of the sailors however thought better of
their duty and followed the Captain, when
after a great deal of trouble the yard
and bags were secured, then the ship was
under bare poles with a mild sea
coming, after a month of trouble the
bags of the fore course were unhooked
and a new sail put on for the rest of
the day. The vessel was safe. Crew
while the steering and Second Cabin
was in the greatest confusion and
uproar, water cans, trunks, and
provisions being in a promiscuous
heap, with the pitching of the ship,
and some of the passengers in the
greatest terror. Much blame attached
the Captain for his conduct in carrying
on so long. Or had if the sails were
secured in proper time, nothing would
have given way, and but obtain any
observations today —

Aug. 30th, a somewhat calm day, after the
storm of the two preceding days.
Preparations are being made for repairing
the damages made, a new main-
topmast yard prepared from a spare
topmast which will take a few days
to get it finished. Nothing of any
importance happened today, except
the appearance of the newspaper
which creates quite a sensation, in one
of the columns appeared an article
on Barlow, which vexed him very
much, promising revenge on the Editor
and threatening to bring an action
against him on our arrival at
Melbourne. for defamation of
character. However the Editor
cares very little about his threats.
Barlow endeavours to put a stop to
the obnoxious ^{paper} by appealing in per-
son to the Captain. but unfortunately
he obtained no redress, the Captain's
power in this case being limited that
he could do nothing. Much amusement
caused by Mr. Barlow's weakness
in winding tribbles which do
but vex him with ^{great} many things
better —

Parting
Lines in the "Life in the Kidston on the
death of the "Sailor" Sam."

Farewell poor Sam, a long farewell,
The storms of life with thee are o'er,
You feel not now the billows swell,
You heed not now the tempest's roar,
You hear no more the stern command,
So deep, so far, to spread your sail
You move no dimly active hand,
So trim the vessel for the gale,
Off, hark! then braves the raging storm,
And crosses the bursting flashing boom
Off, on the ocean billows borne,
Or many a far and foreign clime,
But beneath the stormy billows foam
Lay down the dark blue bimby deep
The mangled form lies low and lone,
In long unbroken silent sleep,
Severe and saddening was thy fate
On all our hearts it cast a gloom
Yet it thou, undaunted met
And bravely bore thy painful doom,
The ocean braves in ceaseless boom
As o'er thy head the raging swell,
The winds which stir thy water comb
Tigh mournfully thy funeral swell
Then farewell Sam, a long farewell

The storms of life, with these are o'er,
You feel not now the billows swell
You heed not now the tempests roar,

" Poet by the Editor. " " "

An "inkhorn" home where one abides,
One sight alone delights the eye.
The boundless tract of ocean wide,
The travelling sea pass onward by,
They petril on the stormy wave,
Quite safely as the sea doth toss,
The pigeon which the storm doth trace
So meet the long winged albatross

And when the stormy winds do blow
And sea and spray come rushing ^{over} ~~on~~
It warns us to get down below
To play at low when under oars
But those who wish to stay above
And take the air for health & pleasure
Are forced against their will to move
When on the deck, their length ^{they} ~~measure~~

I saw poor Watson on the deck
And then I saw him slip and fall
And next I saw him on his back
Blind for help the Captain call

Some seas will wet and some will drown,
But one came o'er a sudden dash,
Torn poor starvation was thrown down,
And wet his pants and black moustache,

On Sunday week, as all well knows,
The sea ran high and wild and grand,
When a lone lady drowned her clothes,
And took her band box in her hand,
She would not stay at sea the pond,
On such a night she'd go to land,
And timid Griefs was in his bed,
Unmourned, unconscious and unmaned,

Sin pots and Bonilli cans did fly,
Each time the vessel fell and over,
While we in narrow berths did lie,
Up went our heads and then our toes,
It spill'd our sugar, spoiled our soup,
Scattered our meal, our Ores and flour,
But some will say the parser's look
Will make a Bonilli can turn sour.

The storm pained o'er the sun ^{bright} ~~shone~~
To bring us comfort and relief,
And Griefs got back his appetite
So made one onslaught on the beef,
Says well it went by at the time,

Or his weak heart must have been broke.
And Mucklejohn did cheer by steam
And Tarsce, had left the ship a smudge,

Then Barlow soon got o'er his fear,
But looked as yellow as a guineas,
When at the hatch he met his dear,
And cries where are you going Jerry,
You know Barlow I can't stop 'ere,
Barlow you must with me condescend
I'm for the intermediate dear
And going to leave this 'orrid 'ole"
A reformation had begun
In Captain Bounce of Storo,
He quit all cards and sport & fun,
And read O'malley in his den,
Temptation he could not resist.
A quite life he never led
And played though scared at Laurence,
Placing the bunk upon his head,

And certainly it is a treat,
To see five birds of different feather.
A solonel and Corporal meet
A Captain and dog Jim together,
So keep the table in turmoil,
They hang a snapper all alive
It would be a pity for to spoil,

Are homes by the gambling fire.

Our Mustiff Jim is in great glee,
He's neither lame nor shaken hunter,
But ready for first roundings spree,
And for Gubetto when he's wanted,
Lays down dock his wearisome look,
And lives with great economy,
And Luller's busy at a book,
On Science and astronomy.

And that red fox the lad,
At Barlow's screams, a scream worth knowing,
That makes old Stewart's kerrier moan.
And sets the cabin corks a crowing,
Ever Mr. Nisbet has caught cold
He wouldn't take advice when right,
But thought he looked quite proud & bold
When walking Cap on him at night,

O Robertson you will be wise.
When you can't taste a glass of grog,
When Laurie, crones esteem will prize.
And Griever, forgets to take his prog,
When Yorkston will not play at loo,
When Watson laughs when he's the joke,
And when Nozys duke comes to you
And offers you his pipe to smoke

When Locke has made friends with him
 When Gerson can't sup out his ladle,
 When Mr Barnes has got a hen,
 And Mr Barlow rocks the cradle.
 When Mr Parker knows the plan,
 So for as the winker, on his chin
 When Tomker back's a handsome drum,
 And Billy Jones, an arm can't spin

When Hemmings pithy verse is short,
 When Spalding cannot forget the cork,
 When Intermediate ladies sort,
 And Saw bones cannot eat his pork,
 And when the Kidston Ship we prize,
~~Then, then brave Robertson gives us wine,~~
 And pour, the purser and his nation
 Then, then brave Robertson gives us wine
 (We have it from the wine, Harrogate,

" — " — " — "

Intermediates

Laughing, fighting, playing, poking,
 Eating, sleeping, reading, smoking,
 Talking, walking for a boating
 Are the Intermediates.
 Keeping footmen for a crown
 Takes all our portraits down,

Stylish border great renown,
 One of the Intermediates,
 Specs, and Captains Gault and Duke's,
 Planters, sketches on the books
 Dossing Sovereigns, keeping cooks

One of the Intermediates,
 Bouncers, drakeys and skylocks,
 Moutars, butty and black cocks,
 All the eight a set of blocks

One of the Intermediates,
 Dumfries, Davy, Stornoways,
 Captains, Majors and no pay,
 Jees and Highlanders are they

One of the Intermediates
 Abrogs in a row or fight,
 Playing cards from Morn Bright
 Stopping, but to eat a bite,

One of the Intermediates
 The greatest plagues we have about,
 Abrogs keeps us in a brawl,
 The devils mess we must them call,

One of the Intermediates
 A One, that is to be adored
 Never hear an angry word,
 The quietest that is abroad

One of the Intermediates
 Keep a dog to keep the tails,
 Very useful in the gales,

Sometimes a cabin rent assault,
Don't sin the Intermediate
Sunk backs of awkward quit,
Roaring, hums to rule the state.

Step four the Intermediate
Widows lonely and alone.

Millers who of late have shone.
Breaking potsticks on his bone

Step four the Intermediate.
Phunderers of worthy fame,
Self from whence your sinware
Grab but I company by name.

Step five the intermediate
Runs to breakfast, runs to bed
Down on deck goes much red.
Scold my number four 'bout bread.

Step five the intermediate
This concludes our money all,
Let Major Mootar shout Haul
And tenderback the musters call,
For six the intermediate

And Baylon trembling to him came
And unto him this statement made
Now I'm hum I'm not to blame.
You know I'm not the least afraid.
A few there were quite free of care
And unto whom fear is a stranger

But Lockie still roam up the stairs,
So look for something that was dangerous.
" — " — " — "

Aug 4th Not above the round stirring
today. Preparations are going on
rapidly in getting the topsail band
in a state of completion, will be
up tomorrow if a fine day.
Four or vessels of any kind to
day. Nothing of any interest hap-
pened today.

5th. — 56 East longitude, employed
for a great part of the day in
getting up our main topsail band
and passing the sail to it, a nice
fresh breeze. Had some amusement
this morning, with a Mr Watson
one of the cabin passengers, who
was killed and murdered by the
steerage passengers (as follows,
in the morning, a hot dispute
was between Baylon and an-
other man of the name of
Gibson, about the editor's right of
abusing him (Baylon) in his paper
and the reverse, he (Baylon) would
not have in him, when the

above (Mr Watson) overheard the gist of
the conversation, and immediately app-
lauded Barlow's resolution, himself.
Watson, mounting under one of the
Editor's squibs on him, Wilson asked
him if he knew the real subject
of conversation, and on his (Watson's)
he did not exactly. Then the humor
and misses by ^{the} number of the
passengers who were standing close
by, and over hearing what passed,
they ^{his laugh} now ^{laugh} and threaten
them all, which he did man-
fully, pale with rage. to the great
amusement of us all —

6th — Lat 41. 12 Long 60. 45

going along at a rattling rate
today. with a stiff breeze, and
every available stitch of canvas
set. The Captain is determined to
carry on to the last. My loss of
Sails or Spars, daunts him, some-
day his temerity will carry masts
and all over board, and him-
self stand a chance of going to
the bottom, with his vessel and
crew,

7th. The Captain could not obtain an
observation today. in consequence
of the cloudiness of the weather, a
fresh breeze today blowing right
on our quarter. More than one
half of our crew disabled, and
in sick quarters now. The sailors,
or those of them who are able to
work, much weakened by constant
working.

8th, 70 East Long. today, a strong breeze
on our quarter today, going in a
rapid will be in the same longitude
with the Island of St Pauls in a day
or two. Will perhaps get a sight of
it. another of the sailors disabled,
with a rupture or eruption of the
gut. our crew thinned very much.
The sailor David, recovering slowly,
will never it is conjectured have
the free use of his limb again. a
great quantity of the flesh of
the calf cut out. the bone on the
front of the leg for a number of
inches seen, the poor fellow
suffering severely. with it will
take a long time to recover.

" A. B. crew all fit for duty.
" One half get ill when it comes to blow.
" In the famous ship the Kidston sh,

I saw her first in Glasgow.
And thought she'd go quite well.
The Mummy did not hesitate.
So say she'd go to H - L.
We've berths and cargo all engaged.
And are going for to go "
Says O - The Claktrap Agent of.
The Ocean Trap Ship the Kidston sh
Oh Crick. It was folly.
So go when with a crew so jolly.
We need an extra watch you
The Bonilli watch of the Kidston sh,

But will write the Gazette a letter.
Won't loyal bats insert it?
With the hundred and thirty signatures
Won't Glasgow be diverted.
Will tell intending emigrants
The tricks of B & O.
And squash all chance of a vote of
To the Captain of the Kidston sh,
Oh Crick. Crew mostly
Rotten tripe and stinking Bonilli

Splitting sails and sailing sh.
The famous ship the Kidston sh,

10 " Lat. 43. 0000. Long. 80 - East.
Wind favourable yet, but not so
strong as usual, engaged all this
week as Dragoon for the third
and last time, will be near our
voyage in about fourteen days
if the wind favours us as it does
now. had an excellent run for the
last fortnight averaging about
two hundred miles per day during that
time. does not carry away anything
spare for more than a week which
is rather singular in the Kidston. Con-
sidering how prevalent accidents of
this kind was previously, almost
daily occurred. In addition made
to our already weakened crew, prep.
among the ship to go into port.
Working fenders, washing, and scrubbing
everything, putting the boats in
of immediate service and furnishing
the stanchions, &c. saw no
vessels of any description to
day -

11th & 12. in breeze 85- deg. from the
11th. with a fresh breeze which gradually
increased at night to a perfect
gale, every sail was speedily taken
in except our three topsails close
reefed. Meantime the sky presented
a thick disagreeable appearance about
one o'clock on the morning of the 12th
chilled tremendously, with a heavy
sea running, and some idea of seas
mountains high today. Saw some
very high ones, about, perhaps twelve
or fifteen feet from the trough of the
wave to its crest. The Hudson shipped
a few of them, but all on board
in the shape of tins in the greatest
disorder, pitching and rolling about
from side to side, and some fears the
Hudson, pitch her masts overboard
from the appearance they presented
while the ship was rolling and tossing
so much. Nothing however gave way
except a studding sail boom which
broke with the violence of the
wind. Something in connection with
the chains of the wheel gear
may also. With work of the sea

on the rudder. but fortunately. An accident
resulted from it it was speedily
repaired, the vessel very difficult to steer,
she requires two men always at the
wheel, and a number at the relieving
tackles, to prevent the wheel injuring
those at it, which it would do, if
these tackles were not assisting them
towards the evening it came on to rain,
and gradually the wind went down. The
captain congratulated himself on not
carrying away any spars or sails.
A number of the passengers indisposed
today, whether with fear or illness,
could not say. Probably the first, and
some amusement with some of the
passengers on deck. Unacquainted with
ships in gales of wind. they did not
when on deck take that care of them
selves, or hold on by ropes like those
acquainted with scenes similar and
consequently when the vessel rolled
they lost their balance, and fell
with the greatest violence on
deck, rolling to leeward, and
downward. as often as the
ship did -

13th 92 deg. Longt. a heavy sea running
this morning, everything in a topsy
turvy way. Sailors employed in
lightening the stowage, beginning to
day which the violence of the gale
and the rolling of the vessel made
quite loose. Winds blowing on occas-
ional strong breezes from the west
with heavy and disagreeable showers,
and altogether the day is passed by
the passengers very disagreeably.
Saw no ships today. Weather pierc-
ingly cold and uncomfortable to
day. We are followed yet by
great numbers of lake pigeons, and
other birds. but nothing in the shape
of sore throats or colds resulted from
the effects of it yet. confidently
expect to land in less than a fortnight
Bright now, if the wind favours
us. which, considering the good
luck we had got late in fair winds
we expect. There is everything prob-
ability of, everything put in
preparation to day for a gale
which the appearance of the sky,
and the weather glass indic-

-ated. by fortunately, nothing & it appe-
ared

14. & 15th on the 14th in Longt 97 deg.
on the 15th in Longt 102. blowing a
strong breeze with strong squalls, and
heavy showers of rain, rather threatening
appearance strong in the sky, but no
gales, although some of the passengers are
preparing their trunks in anticipa-
tion of a gale, much dreaded altho-
ugh the bare mention of a gale is
to the major part of the passengers. Some
of them but would prefer it, if in our
favor, to any of the disagreeable calms
which we sometimes have, accompanied
as they are by such heavy seas. Put-
ting the ships masts in danger of
going overboard from the heavy
rolling of the vessel. Preparations are
about being made to have our anchor
chains brought on deck so as to be
in readiness for immediate use, in case
of any emergency. This shows we
are somewhat near proximity to
the shore. The passengers in good
spirits now at the prospect of
soon getting on land. after such

a long and monotonous storm we had
on board. We are exactly now
almost within two days, three months
at sea, without ever during that time
obtaining a sight of land, we look
forward with pleasure, but mixed
anxiety to the time that the tideston brings
us to land. parties on board are
being formed for going to the diggings,
some of the passengers are engaged pre-
paring to leaving home to gentlemen in the
labrin

16th did not ascertain our hour
today. Weather rather stormy, and
heavy steady rains. Saw the wound
the hard gave David the sailor, and
cannot but think that he'll never
find it of ~~any~~ scarcely any use to
him. the poor fellows suffers pains
the most excruciating yet. especially
when the ship rolls much. This causing
him to tumble with the motion of
the vessel in his bed, consequently moving
his maimed leg. the doctor down
very often getting it cleaned and
probing it. the operation of probing
exceedingly torturing to him.

17th, 18th 19th. Nothing of any importance
happened on these days. was amused on
the morning of the 17th, with a running
match for a bottle of cognac, between
two old men some of the passengers, an
Angus Livingston, a sturdy highlander
and John Mutterer, a lowlander the start-
ing point being the capstan, at the
forecastle, and race ending in reach-
ing the capstan near the quarter deck
the wind blew at the time pretty strong
with a somewhat heavy sea, so that
when they started they went immedi-
ately with the rolling of the ship and
the velocity of the run. fall the one
bringing the other down with the
amusement of all the passengers
and crew. they were near to split
their sides with laughing, after sundry
falls and bruises. they took each side
of the deck, both starting at the same
time, and the one who was back
first to the starting point was the
winner, after everything was arranged
the two old men started. but owing to
a roll the ship gave at the time.
Livingston who was to leeward, lost

but refused to pay, alleging that he
was detained by some of the people. Some
of the passengers, as a matter of course
exclaimed against this, but the old high-
lander was inexorable, at length a young
man of the name of Ross said some-
thing to him, which made him retreat
in, rather a disagreeable way, and
then the parties came to blows, but
ended in a few minutes by the parties
being separated, both receiving some
scratches. The passengers never so
much amused.

The weather on the 18th exceedingly
cold with heavy showers of hail
stones, and stormy weather, going alm-
ost all day with no sail but
our three topsails double reefed.
The newspaper, now I think dropped
in consequence of the indisposition
of the Editor, who is confined for
nearly a week, with a bad
cold, caused by lying in a
damp berth. Saw no vessels
to day, are yet followed by
a great many of the Lark pigeons
and albatross. Nothing more

of any importance happened on the 18th -
on Long. about 120 East today. Long
44 30 South. The weather so cold that
we can scarcely walk the deck for
a few minutes without feeling quite
cold. A Cox in the gully this evening
between the cook and one of the
steerage passengers about the
Boiling of a pot, after a row of
words, they dropped it, preparations
are still going on yet far from com-
plete, in the shape of washing bulwarks,
washing and cleaning everything about
the decks, getting the empty casks re-
moved, and clearing the decks of almost
everything, expect to be in
Port Philip in eight or nine days
if the wind blows as it does now.
The passengers are all in good
spirits at the prospect of landing
so soon and getting to the diggings
and the gold, many of whom are
sanguine enough of reaping a good
harvest at them. Never thinking of
any bad luck, and sickness.
Saw no vessels to day, the wind in
evening moderated a little.

20th & 21st Within a week or five days
sailed R Philip, and every preparation
made or arranging made for going into
Port, steering E. and a few points
North with a fresh breeze from the
West. Nothing of importance going
on, placed in a rather dangerous position
on the night of the 20th by the
ship (or sails), coming all a back by
the carelessness of the Helmsman, fortunately
the wind was not strong, or
the result would have in all probability
been fatal to the ship, at
all events the marks would stand
a chance of going by the board,
for his carelessness the fellow was severely
reprimanded. But could scarcely be
blamed the fact of his never being
in a ship before now, must have
exempted him from such a place,
as helmsman, but the weakness of
the crew who scarcely half the
number we had when we left
Greenock makes the officers trust
the wheel to fellows, that under
any other circumstances would not
be allowed to touch it.

22nd Could not obtain our exact lat &
long. today, every available stitch
of canvas up today, a stiff breeze right
on our quarter, nothing of any interest
going on here except the formation of
a club, named, the dysart Club, it
began about a fortnight ago, and has
now about twenty members, its particular
functions I do not know, but has its
grand master, deputy master, secretary,
clerk, senior and junior wardens
&c. the admission of new members
celebrated with a supper or a spree
or a turn out of some sort. last night
three or four were admitted, after the
ceremonies &c. for installing them were
over, they sat down to a supper in
the shape of a large pork pie, enjoying
myself as well as circumstances admit.
when some wag over
bearing part of the mystery of
the club, got a bucket of salt water
and threw it in among them, to
the consternation of the members
who were some of them well
baptised and to the amusement
of a great many of the
passengers

23rd & 24th heard to day ²³ that our prob-
able distance from P^t Philip was
about ~~few~~ hundred miles. Weather
very calm and fine but cold. A fight
on board on the evening of the 24th -
between the passengers Cook and one
of the Steerage Passengers, on the fore
castle, with a rope encircling them
forming a ring, but were separated
after a few rounds, by the mate, the
quarrel originating with both
parties in the galley about a bucket
of water, which the Cook asserted
was thrown in on a previous night
by his opponent, while the dysarth
Club, held a meeting in the galley -
this lead to protestations on the
part of the accused of his innocence
and ultimately the fight, another
quarrel of a disagreeable nature
happened in the steerage, where
some of the passengers were kind
through some cabin agency manage-
ed to get spirits, and which soon
made them tipsy, and to fight
them, ending with Black eyes
broken heads &c.

25 & 26th. Wind light during the early
part of the 25th but freshened gradually
by towards the evening, and about
one o'clock on the morning of the 26th
blew a regular gale. With the
wind, (right against us) so our hopes
of being in P^t Philip this week
is blasted, a meeting of the Steerage
passengers held on the 25th to take into
consideration the propriety of giving
a vote of thanks to the doctor and
our Chief mate, after the motion was
passed, and unanimously secured
two large sheets of paper were
drawn out with all the signatures
approving of the doctors conduct for
his attention and kindness to the
passengers, and a great many eulog-
iums on the mates kindness and
seamanship. P.M. the meeting
dissolved with three hearty cheers
the votes were during the evening
presented to the respective Gent.
with a repetition of the cheers,
employed all day, on the 26th, in
getting up the anchor chains which
was accomplished by the Bonelli water

a number of the passengers so called, or being
those who generally lend a hand to the
tailors in twisting up sails &c. an
accident happened to one of the ordn
any seaman which almost resulted
in the losing of one of his fingers, the
young man was employed in cutting
something with his knife and unfortun-
ately cut cut his finger so bad, that
fear were entertained of his losing it
altho' gether but hopes are entertained that
he will get well without cutting it off.
so that our already weak crew has
lost during the voyage another hand
27th. Latitude 40. 15. Longt 145.
In which we are in sight of land tomorrow
in all probability. Wind strong increases
my towards night. In a strong gale. Strong
all night under double reefed topsails and
courses, a sharp look out kept all
night for land. advancement formed
by the Captain, passengers. to say
how he worthy and commodious
and how the captain and his officers
performed their duty. Was brought
down by the intermediates for
signatures, the majority of whom

did affix their names to it, but many would
not on any account sign it.
28th Land in sight today. we are all
in a tizzy about it many of course
doubt but believe that we were
in sight of it, but in sight of it
we were. Saw Cape Otway at 10 o'clock
and shortly afterwards the light house
great excitement and bustle on
board. passed a fine Brig this
morning, bound for Uppertown.
expect to be in Melbourne early
tomorrow morning. towards eight
o'clock tonight obtained a sight of
the lights at the entrance of Pt Phillip
Spoke a British Brig from Adelaide
who sent a boat, who discovered
there. tremendous cheers given by
the passengers on hearing this.
Spirits and merriment sent the passengers
by the Captain tonight. some of
the passengers very drunk. fighting
and cursing to no end. great excitement
among us. But a few us passing
our time in thinking of wealth and
prosperity in Australia, and light
with heavy showers.

29th Brought from anchor about two o'clock today off the light house and cannot get up to Melbourne until we get a pilot, all the pilots being up at Melbourne, eight of whom have ran to the diggings. Spoke a clipper schooner today outside the heads who had just left Melbourne in search of the City of Melbourne crew steamer, from Adelaide, supposed to be lost or wrecked in the recent gales they had off the coast, got some Australian papers, with flattering accounts of the state of the diggings, vessel coming on constantly loaded with immigrants.

30th Still at anchor, and no pilot, passengers and crew in a state of great excitement to get up to Melbourne meantime the strictest watch kept on the sailors to prevent their escaping from the ship, officers under arms so that on any attempt is made they will prevent it by proceeding to extreme measures, weather exceedingly cold and rainy. But the wind bright after us, great fears entertained about

the safety of the steamer *Austrian* who left Europe early in June and whose arrival was expected some weeks ago. The probability is that she has met with accidents or went down in the gales of Lake of Geneva.

31st At anchor yet and no prospect of a pilot, a great sensation created on board by sea of our sailors cutting away the rig, and working for land, and thereafter for the diggings, chase was immediately given by the boats in the life boat, but after running after them for hours lost sight of them and the boat had to come back, several men on board today, caused by complaints made to the captain forgetting their meals too early, after this was settled the captain and the doctor had some high words which had assumed a threatening aspect. The doctor calling the captain liar &c &c, a great many immigrants pouring in every hour here. Weather continues wet and cold. Nothing more of any importance happened today - Took 113 days



