

varied so as to suit their eccentricities, & I dare say no one but ~~lastly~~ found out that every now & then a bar would be deprived of one or two triplets in the accompaniment. Afterward on our way to the retiring room, Dr Barry (it is needless to say of what country) in a state of great excitement in consequence of Mr B's song, told us he was going for some ~~other~~ ^{other} firm in honour of it, & he had the gallantry to add of the other ladies; soon reappearing with some sparkling Carlsnitz much appreciated by the fair songstresses after their fatigues. They drank the Dr's health & we added 'for his a jolly good fellow' I dare say for the first time in such precincts. The next evening another bit of gaiety ~~followed~~ came off. Grant gave a tea party to the ladies at our end of the saloon, intended to outdo the one Smith gave a few weeks ago. And superior it was in

all sorts of ways: first he had gentlemen to look after them; next he had curran in his hands; & lastly he kept them amused all the evening at round games & send them to bed with sandwiches & champagne. I sat next Mrs Atwood & banked with her at the round games & had my pun of her in the end. We had ~~won~~ a few shillings & ^{she} was walking off with it, when I gravely proposed to give to the decayed seamen, which of course she had to do. So I had the small gratification of giving her a rub for her brother at the concert. Lastly we had the 3^d number of the newspaper, w^{ch} chronicled the stirring events of the past week. This time the leader was by Smythe, who was not deterred by his share in the concert from giving it unqualified praise. The paragraph on Markets was much appreciated, by Mill, in w^{ch} the shortcomings of the Somersetshire Commissioner were most amusingly criticized.