

¹⁵² offer to back Harold's opinion against any man in the ship
for as many days as they liked. He was at once taken up
by plenty who dislike Harold, but in 3 days they had enough
of it & could not afford to let their dislike carry them further.

In the beginning of the week the Firemen gave us a Christy minstrel
entertainment in the 3^d cabin, in which the chief performers
were those who used to play & sing on the deck in the hot weather.
It was pretty fair but all these negro concerts when amateur
have a strong family resemblance. By Saturday the paper
had recovered itself from last Saturday's dissipation, and re-
appeared. but with not much in it: except the account of the

¹⁵³ ball which celebrates the wonderful way in which Col. Thompson
won came out on that occasion. Who would have thought
that the broken down man of the beginning of the voyage could
have danced as he did last week like a two year old!