the chief steward who is a black man says she has 4 sons 3 daughters the white cat is I fear on the watch for the birdies they are becoming quite strong

21st very fine day & no wind & a swell 3 ships going along with us but behind us we are off Cape [illegible]

We worked & read all the morning I saw a swallow from my window the [illegible] upon [illegible] pillow & flew out immediately the gentlemen quite engaged with the paper all day. Skipp made a nice coral & put the flag on the [illegible] & the [illegible] were quite pleased. Mrs [illegible] was very poorly & seemed quite faint [illegible] so I read to her & tried to cheer her the ship is rocking very much George changed the birds from their old nest into the new cage & the mother seems to have forsaken them it was quite [illegible] Mr [illegible] sent a glass of wine round to drink the health of his eldest son of 5 years old I for one was very much ashamed for we hear [illegible] so much at those [illegible] altogether they are such a very set & the poor mother I pity her with such young ones on board we are rolling a good deal [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] we are reading & working as well as we can but the rolling [illegible] are [illegible] the [illegible] did not [illegible] on her beds all night [illegible] [illegible] which I took off in the morning [illegible] great [illegible] the mother [illegible] first [illegible]

Sunday 22nd [illegible] fresh [illegible] asked the Capt if he would allow us to hold Sunday [illegible] among the emigrants & he has no objection [illegible] [illegible] at 11 o'clock Mr [illegible] read the prayers & [illegible] & [illegible] & the passengers [illegible] all on deck & [illegible] the Chap[illegible] the [illegible] & [illegible] sang some beautiful hymns [illegible] attentive [illegible] girls [illegible] [illegible] a glass of wine from the private [illegible] & dinner [illegible] the emigrants if they would like to [illegible] Capt & [illegible] we asked the [illegible] [illegible] be taught & [illegible] answered [illegible] [illegible] Roman Catholics [illegible] after [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] their old Catechism [illegible] [illegible] Catholic girls all so delighted & [illegible] quite [illegible] & [illegible] a holy [illegible] poor creatures [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] their lessons & [illegible] got a portion to learn for [illegible] & [illegible] they all said they would learn what they could all the [illegible]