

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Was working on the Cabin George came  
with two Cape Byron for stuffing I see got the Steward  
to hang them for us in the Bath room Mr Price got  
more Jaffly heads I took it on deck I made the job then  
off pull the both the & now was so busy as the Capt  
he at had a round game of Snap Snap Caravan

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Went on deck early today I looked at the  
then asked Mr Waughton to give me a walk with the  
stairs began the day was pleasantly cold so we all  
most to take to keep ourselves warm I found a very  
I then the Cranes wind I back died with the others  
as to getting to the Gunter end of the ship first  
to the evening the Captain I better look as how to  
appointments of the women to see as interesting  
they had got up amongst themselves 12 of them had  
blackened their faces to represent the original Darkies  
they made a most respectable appearance I had to see

they could have had such a turn out they say a number of  
the Christy Minstrel songs in Character their dupes were  
up wonderfully we could not help thinking two or three of the party  
had been on the stage the girl named the Sailors Hornpipe & the  
Highland Fairy the latter though one or two of her steps for a  
small bit was more of a fancy dance than the former  
"Scotland" All of them danced their partners & signed away in the  
style The truly girl bigger than one may with the character of  
"Chary" I we had Topsy also they looked all so comfortable their  
tables were all hung up & their beds formed boxes which the  
Capt called the deep boys one tier over the other the audience  
looked to well & looked so comfortable The nation seemed to be  
very kind & a great favorite with them - I then composed a  
song I brought it here & read in a very complimentary manner  
The Capt & Drury cheered & then then for the ladies I he went  
up stairs again I had no idea they had so much room The Capt  
the off again we had a merry little supper up stairs the gentlemen  
were provoked at not being allowed to come with us - They tried  
to get a Coventry peep I succeeded too The single men are to have a  
concert tomorrow they say but shall not get down there