

Total number of human beings, 574. which with officers and crew made 646 souls, of which 141 were under 12 years of age, and 40 under one year. Again from the varieties in reference to the boat lowered on Sunday last. It is not a fact as recorded elsewhere (in the leader) "that the British Empire licked" every thing she met "on her outward bound voyage certain disagreeable" "individuals on board had the disagreeable light presented to them of this identical craft being ^{but} good morning to by "a cockle shell pulled by amateurs. N.B. we much admired "Mr. Mouch's pulling (off his stockings)*. PUNCH."

* an allusion to the fact that owing to the tearing of the boat show stockings had to be removed. From the leader. "Set our object to obtain for our ship such a general character for morality ~~and~~ good conduct and cheerfulness that it will be reflected from person to person, and that long after our connection with each other has ceased strangers shall remark as something unusual "He or she came out by the British Empire in 1854."

The wind happily changed a few points for the better this evening

3rd Sunday. This day is chiefly remarkable for being the one on which we crossed the line, it was between

3.24 o'clock P.M. that that event took place, and some amusement was caused by one of the mates having put

a hair across the object glass of his telescope, and persuading some credulous individuals ^{to} believe that on looking

through they saw the line! Three weeks or a fortnight previously a sweepstakes had been set on foot, as to the

day of this week we should cross, fourteen members at 10/-

a number dividing the week into half days from midnight to noon (and from noon to midnight, Mr. Wood had Sunday afternoon, but he foolishly sold his

chance for 10/- on Saturday evening to the captain. In the evening Keptome made his appearance (alighted

far barrel having been thrown overboard to intimate that he had arrived) to inform the captain that he would exact his toll the next day at 1. P.M. and proceed to have

each of the crew as had not previously paid him a visit.

4th A day doubtless of unutterable confusion, insurrection, and probably bloodshed in the Southern States of America how should like to know the issue of the contest

(much fear of Ab.) has obtained his reelection ^{by} foul means