

These comedians "The area Belle" was very amusing but not  
so well acted, with the exception of Penelope (Dr Burgess) who  
performed his part to perfection. The Knissus (Dr. <sup>the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate</sup>)  
was execrable. An Irish song in character followed by  
averse of "God save the Queen" terminated the proceedings,  
and considering the materials to be met with and  
difficulties to be ~~met~~ expected on board ship there  
really was nothing lacking that could be desired and  
everybody was thoroughly amused, but I am sorry to  
say that not a few of those who were concerned  
in getting up the theatricals were mean enough to give  
the sailors spirit by way of rewarding them for their  
assistance in erecting the stage, &c. &c. and as might be  
expected a drunken brawl ensued of a far more serious  
character than the one mentioned before, inasmuch as the  
Second Mate! and the boatswain were both considerably the  
worse for liquor, and began striking the sailors, and a fight  
was the consequence, the affair has caused great discontent  
among the emigrants, mercifully it was a calm night or  
the consequences might have been fatal, some even among  
the cabin passengers found it necessary to take at one  
or two o'clock in the morning.

13<sup>th</sup> This has been the roughest day we have had yet being  
the first time I have found it necessary to use my peevish  
chessmen. The waves washed right over the bows they were  
magnificent; and the sun shining on the spray produced  
minute rainbows the motion was very unpleasant  
as we were sailing with a head wind and creating a cross  
sea, many were ill, one lay for the first time, the casualties  
did not exceed a few cups of tea, and one or two jugs of  
water upset in the evening, however someone managed to  
knock down one of my bird cages smashing the seed glass, and  
frightening the poor bird which is unfortunately and mangled,  
for a week one of its legs and the foot have been badly diseased  
though I have been particularly careful to clean them out  
every day. Fear I shall not be able to cure it. Some shingle  
had been strewed on the deck, round the blacksmiths forge, and  
one tremendous piece of the vessel sent it all rolling to the  
leeward, and one or two credulous individuals were induced  
to believe it had been washed on board from the sea, and  
took some handfuls to the captain to apprise him of the  
fact thinking I supposed I was believing, he was