

them overboard for him - all looking out anxiously for homeward-bound ships. saw a ship in the evening homeward-bound but she was too far off, very disgusting -

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Very fine weather, we are steering a better course, the wind gradually getting round more to the south-east. very steady breeze -

In the evening we celebrated crossing the line.

The old ceremony of shaving <sup>&c.</sup> is done away with. the sailors get an extra glass of grog, the emigrants also each had some grog given to them. We had bowls of punch on the poop under the stirring influence of which we sang a variety of songs and gave a number of toasts.

Mytune and his wife just paid us a short visit and informed us the "Charlotte Jane" had crossed the line.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Fine fresh breeze, went nearly south some part of the night, going south

west. Had rain on the poop. the boatman taken very seriously ill in the evening with violent spasms in the bowels.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> The fine breeze still continues going 10 knots with all sail set. the boatman much better.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Fine steady breeze, going a good course, a child died last night, it was buried in the ocean at 11 o'clock this morning. Rather squally during the night, royal and mizen top gallant sail taken in.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> We are getting on very well indeed, nothing particular to note. Had a meeting in the evening to get up a dramatic performance. Capt. Dale, <sup>David</sup> Mr. Darg and Mr. Williams composed the managing committee.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Still continuing the same course with a steady breeze not quite so much of it.