

rehearsal of the "Rivals". Blowing fresh with
rain, set the main-top-gallant sail early
everything very damp. Two decks had charcoal
fires burning all day, managed to have it
in my cabin for half an hour. set the
fore-top-sail studding sail carried away the
boom rigged the main one ⁱⁿ its place.
Steering with ease, going eleven knots. towards
evening the ~~with~~ wind drew off and much
less of it. heavy rain at nine o'clock.

Saturday 26th. Very much less wind and sea.
beautiful clear morning, steering two points
to the east of north east. Several of the
Cape-pigeons flying round the ship; we saw
an Albatross they are large birds measuring
from eight to twelve feet from between
the tips of the wings.

Sunday 27th. Fine morning not much wind.
Had service on the poop, the ship rather un-

steady but much more steady than she had
been all night. Studding sails set all day,
in the afternoon the wind shifted a little
and we stood east.

Monday 28th. Got up at half past five
to be present at the rehearsal of our play,
a great change in the temperature of the air
felt it quite cold. Ther. on deck 61°. Water 63°.
A heavy swell from the north west.
Some of the passengers amusing themselves
with shooting at the Cape pigeons which
begin to be more numerous, our sportmen
certainly will not thin their numbers much.

Tuesday 29th. Blowing fresh all day. the sea
running rather high, carrying royals and studding
sails day. The wind increased in the evening
took in royals before ten o'clock, and top-gallant
sails soon after.

Wednesday 30th. Stormy night, got very little