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The Secretary,

London,

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st instant in further reference to the Steam trawler "LA MOUETTE", with which was enclosed a letter from Mr Félix Magnier,

In reply I beg to state that I have had a further interview with Mr Warren, the Builder, in regard to this case, with a view to ascertain if Mr Magnier had made any complaint about the workmanship or had expressed any desire to meet the Society's Surveyors in connection with the same. Mr Warren stated that Mr Magnier visited the vessel and examined the workmanship some six or seven times whilst it was under construction, and on each occasion with the exception of the last, expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the work. On his last visit on 20th March, he called attention to the items mentioned in his letter of the 23rd March, viz:-

- 1st, A number of rivets breaking into or through the seams and butts, (about 5 or 6) these rivets were quite sound and I did not consider it necessary to interfere with them.
- 2nd, Rivets shewing signs of leakage in the stem and keel, and leakage from the forward and after peak bulkheads. On the occasion of

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Mr Magneir's visit on 20th March the peaks were filled with water for a preliminary test by the Builder, and I am informed that several leaks were noted from the stem rivets and the peak bulkheads, but nothing more than may be expected on a preliminary test, these compartments had not been tested by the Societys Surveyors. 3rd, Cement placed between the floors in front of the peak bulkheads. This the Builder was informed must be removed when the peaks were tested by the Society's Surveyors, Had the vessel been completed at this port, the above items would have been dealt with in the usual course.

In fact the only bad workmanship in this vessel is that mentioned by Mr Williams in his report of the special survey held by him on the 7th of April, Viz;- The more or less bad and defective rivets found in the keel, stem and stern frame, and this statement is borne out by Mr Williams report, I have already explained in my letter of 14th April the reason I was unfortunately unaware of these defective rivets being in the vessel.

Recently I saw a copy of a letter addressed to Messrs Crabtree & Co, by the owners, and forwarded by them to Mr Warren in which they expressed satisfaction with the vessel in every way.

I never met Mr Magnier, nor has he addressed any letter to this office in regard to the workmanship on this vessel, had he found anything to take exception to during his various visits, and been dissatisfied with the action of the Societys Surveyors at this port he could easily have arranged that a surveyor should meet him at the works, this I would have been pleased to do.

Reveiwng all the circumstances I am quite at a loss to understand

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why Mr Magnier should go out of his way to attempt to do me serious injury and attack me in the manner he has done.

Mr Magnier's letter is returned herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Allison B. Wilson.



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