

Tug "H.C.HULL"

It is difficult from Mr. Brown's letter to prepare a definite reply to the Owners.

In view of the information contained in Mr. Farminer's letter, it is presumed that the Master referred to by Mr. Brown is not the same Master as took charge of the vessel when she left King's Lynn, the latter having apparently been put ashore on account of ill health. If this is the case, it is not surprising there is no mention in the log of the heavy weather referred to in Mr. Farminer's letter.

With reference to the two items quoted in the Owners' letter as being in the nature of improvements and maintenance, viz:-

Re-riveting of sheerstrake gunwale angle ... £50

Setting up keel plate .....£150

and which Mr. Humby considers were quite unnecessary, further explanation would appear to be required from the Plymouth Surveyor regarding the keel plate. Is it to be assumed that the cost of removing the ceiling to enable examination to take place was £150, particularly as no work was recommended to be done?

It is thought Mr. Brown should also ascertain and report whether the Master referred to by him is the same person as took the ship away from King's Lynn.

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