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Dear Dr. Hearn.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date re "St. London Queen". I regret that I have not in previous letters made myself clear to you and will endeavour to do so now by giving you an exact history of the case.

On 3rd November the representative of the Registrar (Messrs Richardson Westgarth & Co) informed Mr. Law, who was acting for Mr. Pile, that he would not fit the Registrar on the seating in view of the condition it was then in. Mr. Law communicated with us & arranged with us to examine the seating on the following morning.

On examination we found that the rivets connecting the top plates to angles on vertical plates were all slack, the slackness being caused by the vertical plates projecting above the connecting angles & preventing the top plates lying close to the angles.

The double angles on floors to take the vertical

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plates were too far apart, therefore the vertical plates did not fill the space and the rivets were consequently slack, the same remarks apply to the vertical angles connecting the workshop vertical plates to the side vertical plates. When the rivets in these parts numbering 585 were cut out we were able to get at all the remaining rivets and on testing some recommended that the 371 found slightly slack should be hardened up. No doubt some of these 371 rivets might have been damaged by the cutting adrift of the 585.

There were no rivets cut out except those actually defective.

From the very first we realized the seriousness of the case, knowing as it did a charge against our Rotterdam colleague. And that was why I at once wrote to you.

No one could be more sorry than Mr. Blackwood and myself that the trouble has arisen but under the circumstances we were forced to take the matter up.

It is no doubt very good of Mr. Fife to cause no trouble about the matter, but in my opinion the Engineers were quite justified in

taking up the attitude which they did.

Trusting his explanation will show you exactly
what was done.

I am Dear Sir.
Yours faithfully.
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