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Dear Sirs,

Having seen your notice under Shipping Notes in the "Scotsman" of today desiring information regarding the "DAVID C. REID" I am merely writing to state that my son, John Drummond Hood, was one of the crew of this ill-fated vessel. He had been out in the East and through the influence of the American Consul got a post, we understood from him, as quartermaster on the vessel at Hong Kong. We had letters from him posted at Samarang, a port on the Red Sea, and from Ceuta on the Morocco Coast. That letter so far as I remember was posted about the 6th or 8th of October and his next port he stated in it would be Philadelphia. I have not his letters beside me but I rather think Mrs. Hood will have them, but he spoke in one of them about the food supply being run terribly short on board and of them having been half starved, I have recollections also that he mentioned there had been engine trouble. He spoke about having taken on a large cargo of molasses at Philadelphia and this rather bucked him up because otherwise he had hinted in his letters the owners might not be able to pay his wages. We had been expecting to hear from the boy that he had arrived safely in Philadelphia when his mother noticed the article in the "Scotsman" of

four weeks ago today. I went down to your Office at Leith and obtained information from them as to the name of the owners of the vessel. I then cabled the John Jay Shipping Corporation, Moore Street, New York, the owners, and asked for the latest report, getting back the reply on the Tuesday following to the effect that the vessel had sunk with all hands and that they were writing fully. Although that is over three weeks ago I have had no letter yet from that Corporation. That, I think, is about all the information I can give and I fear that it amounts to very little. We lost a very promising lad of 23 and we cannot somehow get away from the feeling that the "DAVID C. REID", was not a particularly sea-worthy vessel and that something was wrong somewhere.

Yours faithfully,

Signed:- J. Ogilvy Hood.

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