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15th September, 1862.

Sir,

I duly received your letter of the 10th instant, relative to the case of the steamer 'Espresso,' in which you intimate your regret that Mr. Kettle, the Docking Carrier at Aberdeen, did not, on the occasion of this vessel being lengthened at his port, give you sufficiently early notice of the Docking requirements in regard to the hull and garboard plating, to admit of their being attended to at that time.

Having communicated with Mr. Kettle upon this subject, I am now directed to inform you that that officer has reported to the Committee that the first date on which he can be present, at the period above referred to, was the

Mr. G. Robertson,

Superintendent

Aberdeen



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29th December, 1881, when preparations
were being made for the proposed
alterations; and that on the
11th and 12th January, 1882, he
informed you that the garboard
plating and the outer keel
required to be renewed. Mr. Sims
adds that your reply was to the
effect that you could not then
incure the expense of compliance
with these requirements but that
you ^{would} guarantee to do so, when the
keel was supplied with a new
trailer.

As the alterations in
question do not appear to
have been completed until
the middle of April, 1882, it
would, under those circumstances,
seem that ample opportunity
was then afforded for the
execution of the required repairs.

I am to add that
instructions have been given
to the Dockyard Surveyor at
Aberdeen, to give the vessel



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their attention as her arrival
in the City, whether you have
expressed your purpose to send
her in a few days for cargo.
I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. W. W. W. W.
Secretary

18th September 1853.

Dear Sir,

In reference to the survey held in
S.E. No 461 building by Capt. J. W. Armstrong,
Mitchell & Co and to your verbal request
in regard thereto. I fear it might form
an inconvenient precedent were I to
furnish a copy of a surveyor's letter
addressed to me simply for the
information of the Committee of the
Society. Hence I hope you will excuse
me from sending one, at any time!
however. I will with pleasure lay open
to you any documents bearing on a
case of any of your fleet.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

W. W. W. W. W.
Secretary

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