

Extracts from W. Kettle's journal
relative to the S.S. "Express."

Date	Remarks, Recommendations & Progress of Repairs.
29 th December, 1881.	Removing rivets in butt straps and bands of plating to lengthen vessel 35ft.
30 th December, 1881.	Vessel now drawn asunder, some of the garboard plates appear to be much worn at lower edge, to be further examined.
10 th January, 1882.	Again examined garboard plating, considered the plating should be renewed.
11 th January, 1882.	Met the Owner and informed him that the garboard strakes required to be renewed, also the keel being much worn, he stated that he could not incur the expense, and considered they were fit to remain. The case to be further considered.
12 th January, 1882.	Again conferred with the owner, who stated that he could not at present renew keel & garboard plating, but as the vessel is to have a new boiler in about a year, he would give a written guarantee to do all that Lloyd's required at that time, I informed the owner that I should submit the case for the consideration of the Committee.

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4 th February, 1882	Fitting floor plates. Met the builder who stated that he did not intend to fit the intercostal keelsons in this vessel. Wrote the Committee on the subject. See Letter Book.
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20 th February, 1882	Fitting middle line wash plate, removing damaged garboard plates.
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29 th March, 1882	Removing cracked garboard plate.
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12 th April, 1882	Fittings hatches outside water ballast tank at fore and after ends, riveting new garboard plate, plate quite sound.
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