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The Secretary
Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant enclosing letter received by you from Mr. G. Robertson Shipowner Kirkwall referring to the case of the Express Jan 1st; and in reply beg to state that the first date survey on my official Journal is December 29th 1881. rivets were being removed in butto and bands of plating to lengthen the vessel 35 feet. On the 30th December, the vessel was drawn astunder. garboard plating appeared much worn; Jan 10th 1882 after the New Year Holidays examined the Garboard plating considered the plating should be renewed. Jan 11th

met the Owner, and informed him
the garboard plating required to be
renewed, he stated he could not incur
the expense. Jan'y 12th again met
the Owner, and again requested the
removal of the wasted keel and
garboard, he stated that he could
not at present remove the keel and
plating, but would give a written
guarantee that he would remove
all Lloyds required when the vessel
got a new Boiler. I am very sorry
that Mr Robertson should have made
such incorrect statements, that he was
only informed of my views of the
condition of keel and plating when
the lengthening of the vessel was
nearly completed, he was informed
as soon as the vessel was drawn
aunder. The statements now made
can be if necessary confirmed by
Mr W Hall junior shipbuilder who
repaired the vessel, and by his

chief foreman of iron work.

I may add I have sent by parcel post
my official Journal that the Committee
may see clearly my proceedings on
this case. I beg also to refer to two
letters dated 3^d and 14 March 1882 received
by me from Mr Robtson and forwarded
to the Committee.

I am
Sir
your obedient servant
J. H. Kettle



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