



Provost Blackie's Quay

Aberdeen 15 Aug 1890
and at Newcastle-on-Tyne

Mr Waymouth Esq
London

Dear Sir

We duly received your favour of 11th inst & in reply we cannot agree with you with reference to the cause of the loss of the *Morracord*. We do not hesitate to state that in our opinion as also in the opinion of most practical men ^{hereabouts} the *Morracord* was weak in structure & opened up by way of the top of the tank. We do not care much whether your Committee are prepared to admit this or not but we do consider that in justice to the men who man such vessels that an independent inquiry ~~should~~ ought to have been made on the part of your Committee. We have already stated that the steamer leaked all round the topside & the hatchways in fact the structure seems to have collapsed inwards - the principle breach being near the engine room & at the connection between the tank & the frames. We do not hesitate to give an unqualified denial to the statement that the water entered by the stokehold gratings. The stokehold gratings were 4 feet

above the bridge ^{deck} ~~deck~~ & amply & fully protected, not one single bucketful of water entered by these gratings. No water entered the vessel in any other way except as we have stated by inherent weakness. It does not signify very much to us now but we shall have no more steamers built with a similar structure & so far as we can judge there are many owners & shipmasters who share our views

Yours faithfully
J & A Davidson

P.S.

This loss conveys a great lesson & the same cause which sunk the *Morracord* may have caused the loss of many valuable lives in other similar steamers which have foundered with all hands. we shall have some interest in watching this class of steamers

G.C. h Martell
to report on
21/8/90 asd

18/8/90
ss "Bondaccord"

We have no further remarks
to make beyond those already
made by us on this case for
the information of the committee.

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25/8/90

Wm Bondaccord

J.A. Davidson

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