

Barnstable February 4th. 1880

B. Maymouth Esq^r
Secretary at Lloyd's
Sir.

We beg to say on December 21st. 1878
We sent your late Surveyor Mr Tyler the Midship Section of a
Schooner 92 x 22 x 10.4. On February 1879. She was all planed
outside and partly planed inside and remained in that
state all the summer. untill October 7th. When we sold her
to the Admiralty. We completed her on Wednesday last
Capt^m Archdeacon R.N. and Lieut Looker R.N. both signed
our accounts. before sending them to the Admiralty That the
Vessel was finished both as regards Materials and Workman ship
to their entire satisfaction.

On Friday ~~she~~^{they} removed her to Appledore where she lays off at
with all her stores on board ready for sea

On Saturday Capt^m Archdeacon complains to us that she is
making more water than he considers she ought. Yesterday
he asked Mr Fittob to kindly sound her. with us for some
hours and take the actual quantity of water she was really
making which we found to be in the course of eighteen hours.
nine sixteenths of an inch per one hour.

The "Mida" has very fine lines and heavy scantling in the Bottom
We beg to enclose a tracing showing the quantity of Timber in
her after Section and the small space it leaves to contain water
We have only two inches between the floor and next Fittob the
timbers are eighteen inches by nine and it stands in our
calculation. as one fifth space for water and four fifths
of Solid Wood.

We have been Ship Builders over fifty years and believe this
to be the first time we ever had to trouble the Committee with
a case of this sort

We Remain

Yours Respectfully

W. Westacott & Sons,
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