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The Secretary

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Yours letter dated the 12<sup>th</sup> is to hand & is  
most and with reference to the drilling  
of the Broughton, was taken under the  
scupper where I supposed the plate  
where most likely to be wasted, the hole  
shown in the sketch aft, should have  
been a little further forward the fore side  
the Break where the after scupper was  
I should say the general condition of the  
plating is very satisfactory as I tested  
the weakest places I could find

The hole in No 6 plate amidships  $\frac{7}{16}$ "  
was where the steel appeared to have had  
a slight chafe at some time, but only  
very small in size. I am Sir,

Yours obedient servant  
E. Westcott

The Secretary.