

William Cooper & Co

128, St Vincent Street.
Glasgow 31 Jan'y 1868

To the Secy Lloyd's
23 White Lion Court
Cornhill

Sir We are building a Barque at Hempstead near

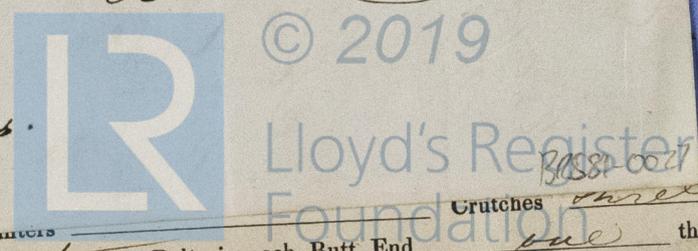
Manchester - Length 143 ft.
breadth 37 " 6 in.
depth 17 " 11 "

specially intended for the African Trade and to bring home palm oil cargoes - we therefore designed this one of extra strength, but without any tween deck beams, so as to give us unbroken stowage for casks, preferring to do this rather than purchase North American vessels, which are in favor from their entire reach of hold permitting of unbroken stowage, but are not otherwise, we consider, so well suited for our trade -

The Builder - Mr Geo Barnes - states that your rules will not permit of our vessel being built, unless with tween deck beams, the very thing we wish to avoid - we therefore beg to enclose extract from our contract for framing &c, and to request your permission, or to state what you require to be done so as to enable us to dispense with tween-deck beams.

Yrs are
Yours very truly
William Cooper & Co

We have just now chartered the "Western Belle" her main recommendation being her want of tween deck beams.



Butt End Bolts are of Y. Metal in the Bottom. two Bolts in each Butt End
and Limber of metal bolted through and clenched. Treenails of Eng Oak
General Quality of Workmanship Strong

The opinion of the Surveyors is
requested

Feb. 1st 1868

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It is recommended that his application be referred to
Mr Gordon as it may be the same vessel he had in
hand as stated in his Letter dated 24th Dec^r last



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