

Stuy's Wharf
Carey 31 May 1871.

Mr. H. B. Watson

Sir, I am duly in receipt of your letter of last referring to the Cum Wilson with a view to her Classification with the character of A-1 in Port on her return to this Port from Quebec acquainting me that the Rules require all Sheathing to be stripped off the Bottom & elsewhere unless satisfactory evidence be given to satisfy the Committee relative thereto. Herewith I beg to enclose certificate of the Managing Foreman of the Dock wherein she was caulked & repaired & this with any remarks you

(from your personal inspection of the vessel) may have to make as to her general condition please forward with a view to ascertain beforehand the decision of the Committee whether the Rule may be relaxed under these circumstances as I am willing to submit the vessel to Survey by the removal of list only & as the Surveyors may direct excepting the stripping of the metal so recently put on in Oct 1870 about a month before I bought the vessel. In reference to your suggestion I do not think the stripping would improve the character of the vessel, consequently if the Committee will not give the Rule I must abandon the idea of classing. I am Sir
Yours obediently
Stuy's Surveyor
Abeythorpe