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Lloyd's Register of Shipping  
Office 10 Portland Street-  
Manchester  
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Sir,

I beg respectfully to state  
that, The Davies Esq. of Carlisle  
has transmitted to me a Certificate  
from you with reference to the Caulking  
Sulking and Coppering of the Ship  
"Van Wilton" in October last, which  
Certificate is very satisfactory.

But as the vessel is sheathed  
with wood under the same it is  
necessary, that, the state of the wood  
sheathing viz; - When put on and how  
fastened should also be ascertained  
so that a judgment may be formed  
over



With regard to the inner skin  
of the vessel, the tennails and  
the caulking thereof.

Should be glad if you would  
directly or indirectly <sup>assist</sup> me in getting  
the information sought for, as  
the owner's wish is to have the  
rule as regards the stripping of  
the copper relaxed or otherwise  
he feels he must give up the  
idea of Clipping the Vessel.

Waiting your reply

I am Dear Sir

Wm. Wright  
Managing Surveyor  
West Docks  
South Shields

Your obedient servant  
Thos. Bateman  
Surveyor



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