

Lloyd's Register of Shipping  
Aberystwith  
15th November 1871.

Gr. W. Luffing Esq.  
Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 13th <sup>Inst.</sup> with  
accompanying remarks on W. 1226 "Ann Wilson".

I beg to state that, every possible care was taken to  
find out the intrinsic qualities or otherwise of this vessel  
in all her parts with a view that she may have the Character  
L-1 in Acc. Sec. Secretary's letter of the 16th August.

"But if at the desire of the Owner you hold &c."

"I will submit the same to the Committee &c."

Having with due regard to the Rules & circumstances  
of the case, if not in the letter in the spirit thereof satisfied  
myself, thereby endeavouring to satisfy the Committee  
of the worthiness of the vessel, as it would be a folly  
to cut the vessel in the direction of the first guttock  
heads, pending the decision of the Committee in  
respect to the stripping of the Copper respectfully sought.

I am requested by the Owner to state that he  
is willing to remove whatever may be required  
further to complete the Survey.

In reply to your request in respect to  
the ground of my suggestion. I beg to state that  
it was fully my opinion ~~and~~ based on the



on the merits of the vessel set forth in my Report. Under all circumstances of the case I trust it will be clearly seen that I was in no way partial, but expressing my opinion confidentially of the entire preservation of the timber of the frame and all other parts of the ship altho 17 years old.

"The remark 'nor does it appear that the fastenings have been thoroughly examined' I have great pleasure in assuring the Committee that in this and all other matters entrusted to my care I have done what I could to justify their confidence in me."

I am  
Sir

Your obedient servant

Wm Bateman  
Surveyor

It appears from the result of conversation with Mr Bateman here, that there has been a misunderstanding in reference to the Survey necessary to be made on the Brigue "Am Wilson" in order that she might be classed A-1. in Port - under the 2<sup>d</sup> Rule. Under the circumstances, it is submitted, that the stripping of the yellow metal sheathing and boot topping might be dispensed with. Provided that the keel be opened at the keels inside, as required by the Rules and that the owner agrees to subject the bottom of the keel, and its fastenings, to a thorough examination, on the first occasion ~~of the sheathing being stripped~~ - And that, if after Mr Bateman has made his final survey, he makes a favorable Report, she might then be worthy of the Committee's favorable consideration with a view to having the Red A classed for such a period as the Rules admit. -

W.B.

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