

application on the grounds, that the vessel, though launched in October 1877, had not at all been exposed to acknowledged deteriorating influences, and was practically really a new vessel; and seeing that had she remained on the stocks, instead of having been launched, the benefit of two years later class would, we assume, have been obtained, we were very sanguine that the Committee would have favourably entertained our application, the actual situation exhibiting merely a distinction without a difference.

As regards the salting, everything was done that your surveyor at Cardiff ordered, as verbally explained to you, and we were certainly under the impression the rules had been fully complied with. It is important, however, that the vessel should be registered, and as the present voyage to the Brazil and back is but a short one, we undertake that, on her return, the salting will be duly completed as indicated by the Surveyor here, in consideration of the Committee now granting the eleven years allotted.

Requesting the favor of your submitting this letter for the further consideration of the Committee, and with our apologies for again troubling you -

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,
Thorburn Bros

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THORBURN BROTHERS.

Done

White Lion Quay

62, Cornhill

London 8th March 1880
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To,
The Secretary

To Lloyd's Registry

Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 4th instant, from which we regret to notice that the Committee of Lloyd's decline to accede to the request contained in ours of 12th ultimo with respect to the date of classification of the "Done". Our application, we respectfully desire to point out, was not that the date of launching of the Brig should be entered subsequently to October 1877, when she came off the stocks, but simply, having regard to the very exceptional circumstances of the case, that the classification should date from final completion instead, the vessel being virtually new, and as a matter of fact, in the opinion of the surveyors, and other practical men, as good as the day she was launched. On these grounds, therefore, and in view of the peculiar position, we were hopeful the Committee would have granted the allowance of time; and our intention, in the letter of 12th instant, was to state the case as we now do, and to solicit consideration of our

