

Dundee 24 August 1864

G B Siffert Esq Sir referring to yours of 23 Inst  
now before me in which you request - an  
explanation respecting the use of Horse Chestnut  
in the Ser "Agnes Davidson" No 3176 recently  
reported I annex copies of some  
Correspondence which took place in regard  
to the Ser "Jane Knox" Dundee Report No  
3014 in which vessel a few 1" & 2" foothooks  
were used of the same material subsequently  
described in the report simply as Chestnut  
to distinguish it from Spanish Chestnut

In the present case there  
are 7 timbers in all of this description 4  
first foothooks one 2" also two foothooks aft  
in Port timbers and part lower portion  
Deadwood aft -

I am Sir  
Your Obedt Servt  
Thomas Alexander



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Copy Letter

Dundee 25 Feb 1862

Sir Referring to the timbers that in various instances have been employed in the framing of the new Schooners composed of Horse Chestnut - & which I have stated are not authorized by the rules - I suspect full but it does not appear to sanction it for 2 foothooks recommend these to be removed & replaced with other material recognized for the intended class of the ship or otherwise application be made to the Committee to sanction their remaining for the vessel for Classification

W J Smith  
Manager  
Messrs Calder & Son  
Perth

I am yours truly  
Thomas Alexander

Perth 1<sup>st</sup> March 1862

Dear Sir I have yours of 25<sup>th</sup> ult this morning & particulars noted Please say which of the foothooks to be removed & it will be done at once

I am yours truly  
W J Smith

Dundee 1<sup>st</sup> March 1862

Sir The timbers I refer to are all those composed of Horse Chestnut - which the rules do not recognize The Spanish Chestnut timber you can readily distinguish from the one mentioned as these are sanctioned

W J Smith

I am yours truly  
Thomas Alexander

CHAIN, *Novelty* *the* *fastness* in Length has been duly PROVED, and sustained a Tension equal to 13 15 0 lbs.

Dear Sir

Dundee 11 March 1862

From recollection the letter you received reference to the timbers of Chestnut in the Sir builded out that such timber is eligible for 3 floors & foothooks only in vessels of the seven years grade but it does not appear to sanction it for 2 foothooks or top timbers now as there are two 2 foothooks of that material into her it will be advisable to remove these & replace them with other material recognized for the years stated

W J Smith

I am yours truly  
Thomas Alexander

Perth 17 March 1862

Dear Sir I have yours of 11 Inst & for your guidance beg to enclose copy of letter received from Mr Syffert

Copy Lloyd's Register of British & Foreign Shipping  
2 White Lion Court Cornhill  
3 March 1862

Sir I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> instant & to acquaint you in answer to your enquiry that the use of Scotch Chestnut - of good quality for first & second foothooks of a vessel will not prejudice her claims in other respects for the seven years grade

W J Smith  
Messrs Graham's Land  
Princes Street  
Perth

I am Sir  
your obedt Serv  
Geo B Syffert

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"Agnes Davidson"

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