

It is submitted the Falmouth Surveyor should be informed that Mr Sandry's explanation of his action in recommending the repairs and renewals found necessary in the case of the S.S. "Deerhound" is considered satisfactory; but his letter of 15th March 1904 addressed to the owners of the S.S. "Deerhound" is considered to be discourteous and should not have been written. Mr Sandry should be requested to be more careful in the tone and wording of his official correspondence in future.

Messrs. Tague Carter & Co. the owners of the S.S. "Deerhound" should be informed that Mr Sandry has been communicated with and from his explanation it appears that he paid careful attention to the survey of the "Deerhound". The defects to the foremast were pointed out by him on the 4th Jan^y and the necessity for supplying a new bowsprit and tawlins was intimated by him on 22 Jan^y but there has been delay on the part of the owners in supplying the making good these deficiencies. Mr Sandry expresses his regret that any remark contained in his letter to the ^{you} owners of the 15th inst^t should have been considered by ^{you} him as a ~~not~~ veiled threat, as nothing was further from his thoughts. His ^{sole} desire was to point out to the ^{you} owners that the vessel was liable to have the Figure 1 withdrawn from her classification unless the necessary equipment was supplied. He did not desire to be discourteous and regrets that his letter was interpreted in a manner which was not intended by him.

Messrs. Tague Carter & Co. should be requested to state definitely when & where the "Deerhound" may be seen by the Society's Surveyors with the new bowsprit & tawlins on board.

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